

Briefly

Valentine dance set for Feb. 10

President Marge Hall has announced an American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340 valentine dance Wednesday, Feb. 10. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. and dancing will start at 7 p.m. Music will be by the Alley Kats. There will be a donation of \$2 per member at the door.

3-day closing

Catholic Charities' Treasure Shoppe will be closed Feb. 9, 10 and 11 to give the new manager an opportunity to reorganize the store.

"Plans have been made to lower prices again, when the store reopens on Feb. 16 after a four-day holiday weekend, we hope to surprise our customers with many bargains," a spokesman said.

The office will remain open on Feb. 9, 10 and 11 to accept clothing, furniture and household items.

Food pantry

The Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, will operate a food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Pierogi sale

Polish pierogi will be sold from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Polish National Church, 930 Reynolds St., Madison, 876-5860.

Overeaters meet

Overeaters Anonymous will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Wisconsin Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Deaths

**Earnest Darnell
Phillip James
John Macek
Joseph Schaefer
Bernice Smith**

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
Feb. 3: 8-4-6; Pick 4: 0-7-1-5
Little Lotto Game
09-10-24-25-33
Lotto Game
01-08-28-32-36-48
Feb. 2: 3-6-3; Pick 4: 9-3-9-3
Feb. 1: 4-3-3; Pick 4: 0-4-4-2
Little Lotto Game
07-29-29-32-34
Jan. 31: 4-0-6; Pick 4: 6-2-5-4
Jan. 30: 2-2-3; Pick 4: 4-2-3-0
Lotto Game
24-31-32-39-43-51

75 years ago

Feb. 5, 1918
The Madison County Medical Society met at the Granite City Elks Lodge to take the first step toward establishing a tuberculosis sanitarium in the county. The society is required to get 100 signatures of county residents on a petition to get the issue on the next general election ballot.

Trivia

Who was Louis Isenbach?

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Police pact turned down

Union rejects offer; arbitrator to be called

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

It appears that an arbitrator will decide on the terms of a new contract between the city and its police officers.

In a 22-18 vote Tuesday afternoon, Granite City police officers, members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1347, rejected a tentative agreement reached Jan. 27 by negotiating teams for both parties.

The police officers have been working without a contract since May 1. The tentative agreement would have been in effect until April 30, 1994.

"As far as we're concerned, we're not negotiating any more. We have been negotiating this contract for 11 months. The arbitrator is going to have to decide," said Ken Crawford, president of the police local.

While the vote was close — one long-time officer called it the closest he has ever seen — disputes over retroactive pay and reduced insurance benefits were the main points of contention, Crawford said.

He said the city offered a retroactive pay increase of 2 percent from May through October

of last year and subsequent increases of 4 percent from November 1992 through April 1993, 1 1/4 percent from May through October of this year, and another 1 1/4 percent increase from November 1993 through April 1994.

The difference between a 4 percent pay increase for the entire first year of the pact and the 2 percent retroactive pay offered would cost each officer some \$300, Crawford said.

He said that union members were also upset about a proposed \$150 deductible in the city's self-funded health plan. Employees currently pay no deductible.

"To me, this is just poor management. If the health fund is in trouble, it should have been addressed five years ago by implementing gradual increases instead of hitting us with this all at once," Crawford said.

He said some officers also balked at a requirement of a medical doctor referral before chiropractic care would be covered under the health plan.

Longevity pay was also a point of contention, Crawford said. He said the union would like to see longevity pay spread out over the entire career of an officer. Under the current contract, longevity pay increases peak after 15 years of service.

"We feel a guy deserves something for being on this department for 20 years," Crawford said.



Crawford

Ticket fixing still apparently alive and well

Routine traffic tickets often receive not-so-routine treatment in Madison County, depending on whom you know and where you work.

If you have the right connections, traffic tickets ranging from driving with an expired license to illegal transportation of alcohol can be "fixed," often as political favors, according to several people in the know.

"If you know the right people or work in the right job, can you get a ticket fixed? The answer is yes," said one source, who routinely works within the

court system but asked not to be named.

"It does go on."

But Ken Larsen, chief deputy in the Madison County Circuit Clerk's Office, said there is no known abuse of the system.

"We feel the way we monitor them and the system we have, there is no abuse," he said. "If we knew there was any place for abuse, it would be immediately changed."

County employees processed 46,748 traffic citations through five satellite court offices and the main office in

Edwardsville in the 1992 fiscal year that ended Nov. 30. In the same year, 43,940 cases were resolved.

"The office does not keep records of how many people pleaded guilty, how many cases were dismissed or how many were taken to trial," Larsen said.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said the court system works well considering the number of traffic cases it handles and the paperwork involved.

But, the chief prosecutor admitted, there have been problems with people

getting preferential treatment.

"In the past we have had reports of tickets being pulled," Haine said.

Some court personnel can pull a person's misdemeanor file from any one of the county's satellite courts and get a judge to dismiss the charges or put the offender on supervision without having to pay a fine or court costs, sources said.

But an average citizen, on the other hand, usually has to pay legal and court fees adding up to as much as hundreds of dollars, depending on the ticket.

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Madison getting police dog

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Successful fund raising and a surprise grant mean Madison will get a drug enforcement dog later this month and possibly another dog before the year is over.

The Madison Community Action Group raised more than \$3,000 and the city raised \$4,700 in corporate donations to be used for the purchase and training of a dog. Although the city had also applied for a federal grant for a dog through the Madison County Housing Authority, Police Chief Charlie Bridick said he never believed the city might actually get it.

"Then, the week before Christmas, after the money was being raised, we found out we got the grant of \$11,600," Bridick said.

"We didn't say anything then because we didn't want to hurt the fund raising."

As it is, Bridick said, everything may be working out for the best.

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Study will include township

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The scope of a management review study of Granite City governmental operations has been expanded to include Granite City Township as well.

The Town Board voted 11-3 Tuesday night to accept a proposal from Melville Public Accountants to include the township in the study at an increased cost of \$3,000.

In December, the City Council commissioned Melville to perform a professional review of city operations and to recommend any cost-savings measures



Hagnauer Tarpo

that could be implemented.

The \$30,500 cost of that study is to be split between the city's coffers and a group of area businesses.

Because the city and township are so closely related — their

boundaries are nearly coterminous and they share the same legislative body — Alderman Craig Tarpo requested last month that the township government be included in the study.

In a proposal, Melville said it would be significantly more efficient to conduct the studies concurrently. Field work and interviews of city and township employees could be conducted at one time, according to the proposal.

If the township study was done separately, it would cost between \$4,500 and \$5,000 to conduct, according to Melville.

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Local man returns as rock musician

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Mike Bunjan will return to Granite City on Friday night. He will bring along his Chicago-based rock band, Esse Ecks.

"I hope Granite City's ready to be blown out," said Bunjan, the band's drummer. "We're going to rock my home town."

Esse Ecks is playing Friday and Saturday at Gabby's, 1800 State St., Granite City. Bunjan said he is looking forward to a big crowd.

Ironically, when Bunjan left Granite City in the early 1980s, the last thing he did before leaving town was sell his drum set.

"I was going to college at Illinois State University and I needed the money to buy a car," he said. "So I just gave up playing the drums."

It's not that Bunjan hadn't

dreamed of becoming a rock star.

"But at the time, art seemed like a more viable dream," he said. "So that's what I pursued. And I reached it pretty early."

Bunjan graduated from ISU at Normal in 1986 with a degree in communication arts and went to work at a Chicago advertising agency.

"I guess they liked my work because now I'm a vice president," he said.

About three years ago, Bunjan and his wife came to Granite City to attend a wedding. The band at the reception happened to include several musicians whom Bunjan had played with when he was a student at Granite City High School South.

"They convinced me to get up and jam with them," he said. "It was the first time my wife had ever seen me play. She

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Ralph Brandon, 65, a senior aide, washes a refrigerator bin at the Madison Recreation Center Wednesday morning.

Teamsters target senior aides

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

The Teamsters want Madison to get rid of its senior aides.

In a letter read at the City Council meeting Tuesday, Local 525 business representative Steve McGinness said the four senior aides are doing work that was formerly done by a union employee.

The aides work at the city's recreation centers for 15 years, long before we had any unions.

The letter says their employment has caused a "reduction in work, wages and benefits" for members of the union, in violation of both the

Senior Aide Program agreement and the union contract.

Four street department workers represented by the Teamsters were laid off Dec. 31.

The letter calls for the city to hire back at least one worker or lay off the senior aides.

"Here we are, fellows, with a real situation," said Mayor John Belkoff, adding that the letter is a summary of a meeting he had with McGinness.

"These Senior Aides have been working here for 15 years, long before we had any unions. They're doing the same thing now that they always did. Nothing has changed because of the layoffs. But the union wants us to fire them."

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Esse Ecks

Case of vanishing tickets illustrates abuse

A mysterious case of two disappearing traffic tickets issued to a county employee is one example of apparent abuse of the Madison County court system.

The sheriff's report of the woman's arrest and all court files relating to the two minor traffic charges, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving with an expired driver's license, are gone.

No one, including Sheriff Bob Churchich, Public Defender John Rekowsky, State's Attorney William R. Haine and several court workers, said they would or could comment on the case.

The handling of the tickets reads like a routine traffic case traveling the wrong way. The highlights include:

The county worker was stopped about midnight Oct. 22 near Granite City for weaving in the roadway.

Because she could not post her expired license as bond, the woman was booked at the Madison County Jail and bailed out by her boss.

Shortly thereafter, the deputy's incident report turned up missing.

Scam victims • Tickets still getting funerals

WOOD RIVER — Marks Mortuary will stand behind pre-planned funeral arrangements made through a business whose two top executives bilked hundreds of customers.

Those who prepaid their plans will be left with the question of whether or not all of the money is available, a spokesman for the funeral home said in a prepared statement.

Prosecutors will recommend prison sentences when Raymond A. Ayres and William V. Arnold, 29, are sentenced March 12 and will ask a judge to order that the St. Louis men make full restitution to a fund being established at the funeral home. Each pleaded guilty in federal court last month to a single count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud.

Authorities think the men bilked about 400 people, here and in the Indianapolis area, of about \$500,000.

Payments that should have gone to insure funerals were guaranteed funeral and burial expenses instead were improperly used for business and personal expenses, including a yacht and a partial down payment on a home, authorities said.

Ayres was president and Arnold vice president of Seneca Benefits Foundation/American Heritage Foundation. Ayres contracted with Marks Mortuary to sell prepaid funeral plans beginning in 1989, the Marks spokesman said.

The funeral home discovered discrepancies in a routine audit of files in the summer of 1991, the spokesman said. Marks contacted the Illinois Department of Insurance and wrote to suspected victims, explaining the situation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Smith said he was unaware of similar complaints involving other funeral homes in association with the company.

Ayres, before Arnold joined the business, had represented other funeral homes with no apparent problems, Smith said.

In the Indianapolis area, the company falsely claimed to represent several funeral homes, Smith said. The majority of the documented complaints were in this area, he said.

Smith said Marks Mortuary is not suspected of wrongdoing. American Heritage Foundation was licensed to sell insurance by the Illinois Department of Insurance July 22, 1988, according to Ron Hartsock, the department's assistant deputy director.

The company's license was revoked when Ayres voluntarily surrendered his license in January 1991, Hartsock said. Arnold's license was not renewed when it expired in August 1991, he said.

The report was rewritten and resubmitted.

Days later, the charges were apparently dismissed. To cap it off, the paper trail was apparently sealed from public view by an expungement order.

A reporter who tried to follow the paper trail, which should have started in the Madison County Sheriff's Department, ran into dead ends.

The report, written twice by a sheriff's deputy because the first one was apparently lost after it was turned in, is no longer in the department's computer files.

The records clerk, after she was asked for the report number M-92-7674, excused herself to go to the restroom and returned about five minutes later with Lt. Conrad "Pete" Baetz.

We do not have a report by that number on file," he said. "We have certain numbers in '92 that are missing."

The report preceding the missing one was logged at 10:15 p.m. Oct. 22, and the report following the missing number was

filed at 12:33 a.m. on Oct. 22. Thought each report is supposed to be accounted for, Baetz said it is possible for a number to be duplicated or skipped.

Each report a deputy writes is assigned a number by a dispatcher, who at times erroneously issues the same number twice or skips numbers, he said.

Another possibility, he said, is a power outage wiped the report number from the computer's memory.

A third scenario, which would explain the disappearance of all paperwork in the department and the courthouse, is that the charges were dismissed and the files expunged.

If the file was expunged, Churchich said, he could not comment on the case. "You won't get a statement out of me," he said.

State law allows a person with no criminal record to have his or her name wiped from court records, police reports and other paperwork if the person is released without being convicted or has been acquitted of charges.

When an expungement order is

issued, Madison County officials block out the person's name and complete address on all docket sheets, cards and any other places it appears on court records, except the file itself, which is marked "expunged."

The file is then placed in an "expunged only" category and is not available to anyone except a judge. Such files are no longer public records.

Madison County Circuit Court judges and traffic cases are sent to central records with a note that shows the file has been expunged. These cases are also off limits to the public.

Haine said that, if the charges were dismissed against the county employee and she met all other requirements under the law, she would be entitled to have her name expunged from records.

County Clerk Chas. Cluett Judge Paul Riley said traffic tickets are rarely expunged from the files. "It is not routine," he said.

Despite repeated inquiries, no one in the Madison County legal system could give an adequate explanation as to what may have happened to the woman's tickets.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Police log

Granite City

4 charges are filed

Timothy P. Burns, 30, of the 2900 block of Warren Street, was arrested at 1 a.m. Feb. 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, improper lane usage and failure to wear a seat belt.

An officer reported seeing a blue 1988 Chevrolet Corsica being driven erratically on 20th Street near its intersection with Lee Avenue, crossing into oncoming traffic.

Burns, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Two open cans of beer were found in the car, according to a police report.

Burns posted his driver's license and \$107 cash as bail.

Speeding, other charges

Brian A. Basore, 32, of Westgate Drive was arrested at 12:21 a.m. Feb. 1 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and speeding.

An officer reported clocking a red 1976 Chevrolet Camaro at 40 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone in the 1500 block of Johnson Road.

Basore, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He was released after posting \$107 bail.

Stepister is charged

Katrina L. Householder, 18, of the 2109 block of Lee Avenue, was arrested at 2:09 p.m. Jan. 31 and charged with two counts of domestic battery.

She is alleged to have struck her 17-year-old stepister, who lives at the same address, and her 19-year-old stepbrother, who lives at a block away, with a broom handle. She is further alleged to have hit the girl in the back of the head with a stereo.

Householder was lodged pending \$214 bail.

Car passenger charged

Judith Y. Ely, 29, of the 2400 block of Park Lane, was arrested at 9:26 p.m. Jan. 31 for unlawful possession of cannabis.

Ely, who was the passenger in a black 1991 Pontiac Trans Am during a routine traffic stop, allegedly possessed several cannabis cigarettes and a clear plastic bag containing cannabis. She posted \$77 cash as bail and was released from custody.

Local driver charged

Mark W. Hutchins, 23, of the 3900 block of Park Lane, was arrested at 1:10 a.m. Jan. 30 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported seeing a black 1978 Chevrolet Monza make a left turn on 22nd Street without first signaling.

Hutchins, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

Battery arrest in bar

Victor J. Young, 34, of the 800 block of Iowa Street in Madison, was arrested for battery at 2:28 a.m. Jan. 29.

He is alleged to have struck a patron with a pool cue.

Young was released after posting \$107 cash as bail.

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And those who cannot afford a lawyer have to appear in court, taking time away from work and other daily business.

In some cases, charges have been dismissed or dropped "exparte," without a prosecutor's approval, Haine said.

"We've taken steps with the circuit clerk to see that doesn't happen," Haine said. "I think the system actually runs pretty well."

One way to make the system run better is to cut down on the number of people who have access to traffic ticket information,

said Bob Lorinskas, an associate professor at the administration of justice department at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Another way to tighten the system, he said, is to account for each traffic citation issued from the system. It is written to the time the file is closed.

Some police agencies in this region, including the Madison County Sheriff's Department and the East Alton Police Department, are not required to account for the blank tickets given to officers.

In some departments, given throw away tickets with them out having to account for them.

Durbin confident on family leave

GODFREY — A Springfield lawmaker predicts early passage of a bill giving working families unpaid leave for medical emergencies and childbirth.

"The idea is overdue," U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin, a Springfield Democrat, said in a letter to parents and child care workers at Little Red Hen Daycare on West Delmar Avenue in Godfrey.

"We are the last of the industrialized countries in the world to come around to the idea," Durbin said, predicting Congress

will pass the Family and Medical Leave Act this week and a signature from President Clinton by Friday.

"It will be a signal to working families and to others the days of gridlock in Washington will end," said Durbin, a cosponsor of the bill.

The bill recognizes the reality of today's families in which both parents or a single parent work.

"Working families will soon be able to return to work if they need to," he said.

Counties' prosecutors to cooperate

Prosecutors in Madison and St. Clair counties are going to pool their resources to avoid conflicts of interest.

Under an agreement between Madison County State's Attorney William Haine and St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haida, a prosecutor from one county will step in when the state's attorney in the other county has to bow out of a case.

Each county would continue to pay its own prosecutors under the proposal initiated by Haida.

"It's rare that we need it, but we believe we'll save both of the counties some money if we share prosecution," Haine said. "I will do his conflicts and he will do mine, at no additional cost to the taxpayers."

Haine said his office sometimes has to bail out of cases when he or someone on his staff has a family relationship or close association with a suspect.

The arrangement in many cases will make it unnecessary to hire a private lawyer as a special prosecutor. A prosecutor on

loan would be considered a special assistant state's attorney in the other county.

Haine said Madison County probably spent less than \$2,000 on special prosecutors last year, but spent more than \$200,000 on a single case in the 1990s.

Haine said he may still ask the Illinois Attorney General's Office to handle some conflict-of-interest cases.

Special prosecutors are costly and not always accountable to voters, Haine said.

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Man arrested in home invasion in Brooklyn

James Moody of Brooklyn was charged Monday with home invasion after he allegedly entered a home and hit a woman there.

The 24-year-old man allegedly struck Sherry Whitfield in the face with a beer bottle Saturday. The incident allegedly occurred at her home in the 600 block of Jefferson Street in Brooklyn, according to authorities.

Moody, of the 700 block of Washington Street, was being held Wednesday on \$40,000 bond in the St. Clair County Jail.

Three blood drives here

During February, the American Red Cross is hoping that area blood donors will give the gift of "O" giving blood.

In Granite City, there will be three blood drives. All will be open to the public.

One drive will be a special blood type "O" drive and will be held on Monday, Feb. 8, sponsored by the American Red Cross, at 2100 Madison Ave. The drive will be held in the Kettler Center at SEMC from 1 to 5 p.m. Type O donors are especially needed, but all types will be accepted.

The next drive will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, sponsored by Sanford-Brown Business College, 3237 West Chain of Rocks Road. The drive will be held in a classroom near the back parking lot from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The last drive of February will be held Friday, Feb. 12, sponsored by the Army's Charles Melvin Price Support Center, Highway 3 at Niedringhaus Avenue. The drive will be held in the Education Center from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Red Cross and the sponsors are inviting all healthy adults 17 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds to participate in the blood drives.

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Henkhaus in driver's seat for job in traffic program

Despite statements to the contrary, Lewis and Clark Community College officials are seeking someone to run a new traffic school, and sources say the job will apparently go to former Madison County Treasurer Mick Henkhaus.

A classified ad in Sunday's *Alton Telegraph* seeking a court liaison director appears to have been written for Henkhaus.

The program, which allows people cited for minor traffic violations to enroll in a safety program at LCCC's Community Education Center in East Alton, is expected to kick off Friday.

Dale Chapman, president of Lewis and Clark, denied the job was tailored for Henkhaus.

"I wouldn't know anything about that," he said. "It was decided that position is required because we need someone with the technical knowledge of the court system to successfully run the program."

Even before the college successfully bid to operate the traffic school more than three months ago, sources said Henkhaus would get a job there. He lost his re-election bid for treasurer in 1991 and works for a politically connected law firm.

Classes have begun in Macou-

pin and Jersey counties without a liaison, and officials have reported no problems.

The program was to have started last month in Madison County but was delayed because court-house files were being moved in Edwardsville.

At the time, Lewis and Clark officials had said all personnel and paperwork were in place for the program and that the delay was at the request of the judges. LCCC has hired five instructors to teach the four-hour course.

"We need someone to coordinate the program," Chapman said Tuesday.

Henkhaus, an employee of a law firm owned by Democratic power broker Tom Lakin, could not be reached for comment.

The job description calls for the liaison to serve as a contact person on behalf of the Circuit Court for communications to Madison County traffic courts, court clerks and law enforcement agencies.

The salary will range between \$30,000 and \$35,000, Chapman



Henkhaus

said. The \$25 enrollment fee for the program is not expected to increase, although Chapman said the program would cover the liaison's salary.

The liaison will also serve as the central administrative official for Macoupin and Jersey counties, Chapman said. However, the ad specifies only duties in Madison County.

Applicants must be a high school graduate and have five years' experience in court administrative matters, record keeping and court program administration, the ad said.

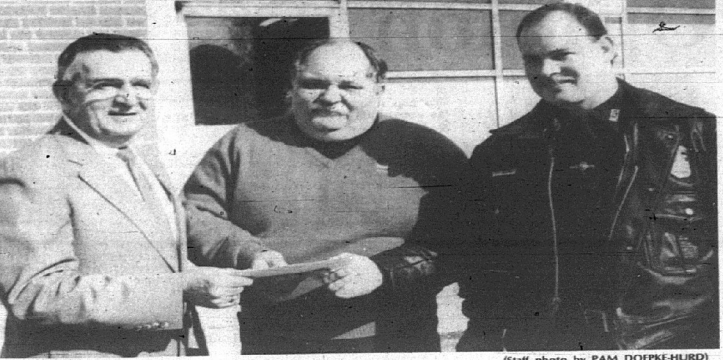
Henkhaus was hired by the Madison County Circuit Clerk's Office in 1984, serving two years as chief clerk of the criminal division and eight years as chief clerk of the probate division.

He was hired as court administrator for the 3rd Judicial Circuit in 1975.

Chapman said Tuesday the college personnel department had received about a dozen applications. He said he did not know if Henkhaus had applied.

He said a committee would review the applications and probably hire the candidate with the most court experience.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Madison Mayor John Bellcoff, left, presents Madison Police Chief Charlie Bridick, center and Patrolman John Beswick, Madison's new K-9 officer, with checks totaling \$4,700 for a new police dog.

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"Buying the dog, the training, most of that requires cash up front," Bridick said. "The feds don't work that way. So what we'll do is use our money and then have the feds reimburse us. Then, after all the money is reimbursed, we can buy the next dog with our money."

The City Council Tuesday voted to establish a special fund for the dog money and to allow Bridick and Patrolman John Beswick, the designated K-9 offi-

cer, to travel to the Advance Canine Academy in Bowling Green, Ky., on Feb. 10 and purchase a dog for \$4,000.

"These are shepherds born in either Germany or Czechoslovakia and imported here," Bridick said. "They are what the (Illinois) State Police recommend and require for their academy."

Beswick and the new dog will go through the K-9 training course at the State Police Academy in Springfield beginning March 2. After a one-week course there, Bridick said the dog should be trained and on the street.

"Even though this grant comes from HUD, I don't want people to get the idea that the dog will be primarily in the projects," Bridick said. "Obviously, it will spend quite a bit of time there because that's the area where we have the most problems with drugs right now, but we're under no obligation to use the dog there."

Companies donating money for the dog fund were Waste Management of Metro East, First National Bank in Madison, the Delivery Network, Kerr-McGee Corp., Lanter Corp., Southwest Steel and Speedway Salvage Inc.

Property tax hike may be needed for juvenile building

Madison County officials appear ready to tap into a \$10.9 million surplus to build a new juvenile detention facility.

However, a property tax increase may still be necessary to help pay construction costs, depending on how deep the County Board decides to dig into the surplus, officials said.

Three County Board committees voted Thursday to build a new juvenile detention facility but left concrete decisions concerning bed space and how to pay for it until later.

"I think we should look into the possibility of perhaps using some of that surplus to cover building costs and making up the difference with a tax increase," board Chairman Nelson Hagauer said after more than 90 minutes of discussion.

Several board members suggested using up to \$4 million of the surplus for the juvenile center construction, leaving \$6.9 million to cover unexpected revenue falloffs or large-scale emergencies, officials said.

The existing juvenile home is in need of repairs and has been cited as inadequate by state

inspectors, who have threatened to sue the county if improvements aren't made.

Opening the purse strings on the surplus would be a reversal for the Finance Committee, which rejected the idea last fall.

Finance Committee Chairman Bill Little of Alton said there may be a way to use some of the \$10.9 million without jeopardizing the county's fiscal health, as long as there was \$6 million to \$7 million left, equivalent to three to four months' worth of county operating expenses.

Health Institutions Committee chairman Bob Stille and committee member Al Charleston argued vigorously against the various proposals for building and financing a new juvenile home.

Stille advocated renovating the existing 21-bed facility, a project he estimated would cost \$1 million compared with the \$4 million a new home is expected to cost.

Charleston, who was the first member at Thursday's meeting to raise the possibility of using some of the surplus fund, said the committees should be mak-

ing decisions on the juvenile, nursing and shelter care homes and the overcrowded county jail at the same time.

Charleston criticized other board members for "piecemealing" solutions to the problems faced by the facilities. Others contended solving all the problems at once was too big a job.

If the county is to use a tax increase to help pay for a new home, it will have to act fast to get a measure on the April ballot. The referendum deadline is Feb. 16 and the board has moved up its regular February meeting date one day to Feb. 16.

The portion of the property tax rate dedicated to the home is already at its legal limit of 1.67 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and cannot be increased without a referendum.

Under a tax increase plan, the (See HIRE, Page 6A)

Lazerson chosen for administrators' award

President Earl Lazerson of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has been selected to receive the first annual President's Award presented by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Region IV-East.

The award was presented at the NASPA regional conference, held Jan. 31 in Des Moines.

According to the NASPA awards committee, several outstanding student affairs professionals and friends of student affairs are honored each year.

This is the first time that a university president or chancellor in Region IV-East has been selected for recognition. President Lazerson was named the

first recipient because "over a sustained period of time, he has advanced the quality of student life on campus by supporting student services and programs, acknowledging the student affairs staff, enhancing the role of students and student affairs staff in governance, and serving as an advocate for student

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Lazerson has been president of SIUE since July 1980. He was instrumental in establishing the Student Leadership Development Program at the University.

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Inspired by history

When you're right, when you're ready to look God in the eye and say, "I'm doing the right thing," then a thousand angels swearing on Bibles cannot make you wrong.

That ideal—drawn from the oldest book in the Bible—is a major moral thread running through the history of African-American civil rights in this century.

Seventy-five years ago, the Metro East area was rocked by race riots. At the time, the majority of the country's moral leaders, including some in the African-American community, believed there was a basic, God-ordained moral law that made African-Americans second-class citizens.

But a small minority saw the truth—and the Urban League was born.

Forty years ago, a small minority of Americans saw that segregated schools had not been ordained by God and that separate was not equal. Again the majority, including many African-Americans, believed segregation was not really harming anyone and was not determined by a majority vote, school segregation went before the U.S. Supreme Court and was defeated.

Thirty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. saw that a country divided against itself along racial lines could never be strong. America would survive, he said, because America would change. The question for Americans, he said, was whether it would be a peaceful transition with people working toward it or a terrible and painful transition with people working against it.

Dr. King's question has still not been fully answered, but because he was willing to stand up—alone if need be—he rejected even by his own community for what he knew was right, it appears the majority of Americans are working for peaceful change.

Few lessons of history are so truly black and white. Individuals, willing to accept the inspiration of the truth, can make a difference. And a very few individuals—holding the truth aloft—can draw all men to them.

This lesson has been taught by Black history. Now it is up to all Americans to learn it and remember it.

Party over, tough issues remain

Carol Clarkin writes this column for the Edwardsville Journal.

It must have been fun, while it lasted. A clear, sunny, crisp day for the swearing-in, and the likes of which I honestly can't recall, all viewed by thousands and thousands of well-wishers. Balls and hoodwinds of every variety in balloons throughout the city. The new president happily jammin' away with some of the bands.

And, the following day, a great big down-home open house for several thousand more just plain folks at the White House. But like all galas, sooner or later the "Goodnight Sweetheart" or "I'll See You in My Dreams" and the party's over.

Dawn brings the inevitable—and often, painful—dreaded Morning After. There isn't a hair-of-the-dog concocted by man that will dissipate headaches like Zoe Baird or a budget deficit now projected to soar by at least \$50 billion a year over estimates made last summer.

Fortunately for President Bill Clinton, Mrs. Baird withdrew from contention for attorney general, though not as quickly as I thought she should have done.

For a time, during her appearances before Congress, she didn't appear to grasp what all the fuss was about.

She said she's been thinking more as a parent than a lawyer when she hired an undocumented Peruvian couple as domestic help and failed to pay Social Security taxes for them as employees.

Some attorney, a lot of us thought! And apparently relayed those sentiments to congressmen, since it quickly became apparent that Zoe simply wasn't going to be confirmed. As I write this, Clinton has not yet submitted a second nomination for the post, but I'll bet the next one is checked out a bit more thoroughly than was Mrs. Baird.

Certainly, after the considerable public reaction to the nomination, he must realize that people took those campaign promises of everybody—including the press in government—playing by the rules as serious commitments.

Personally, I hope he doesn't knuckle down to demands that the job be filled by a woman. I'd like to think that whoever holds the post would be the best person available, whatever that person's gender may be.

Economic problems, as a lot of us realized during the political campaign, aren't going to be all that easy to solve. It should come as no surprise that the new administration is already slowly backing away from middle-class tax cuts, as promised in more hazy days.

We didn't get it in the shape we're in overnight and we're sure not going to get it that way, either.

Truth to tell, there's a quick fix for any of the problems which the new administration faces.

Clinton is quickly going to appreciate what Harry Truman meant when he spoke of hot kitchens. Right now, I figure he's about to face a real furnace blast on the subject of lifting the ban on gays in the military—but more on that at a later date.

I figure, too, that naming Hillary to head the task force on American health care is likely to arouse a bit of criticism in some quarters. But, personally, I wasn't a bit sorry for his action on that count.

I am dubious, though, that a really satisfactory health-care bill can be achieved in 100 days. In fact, I suspect that one could only scratch the surface on such a complicated problem in that short of a time frame, let alone come up with a bill which would, no pun intended, fill the bill.

As a priority, I think it's second only to the economy, but I think it's one which should be approached with caution.

Clinton has said that his team is going to ask for public input on the various aspects of health care and I hope he's serious. If so, I think we should be asking the task force to give some in-depth study to the systems in several other countries whose systems do work well, and consider whether parts of those systems could be incorporated into our own.

Our own present system is the costliest in the world and still fails to cover tens of millions of our citizens.

While we're at it, let's ask what the task force might propose that would regulate the price of prescription drugs. In 1991, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging reported that, during the '80s, the general rate of inflation rose by 58 percent but the price of prescription drugs rose by a monstrous 132 percent.

Let's ask why Americans pay 62 percent more than Canadians and 50 percent more than Europeans for the same drug.

Does the fact that these other nations regulate the price of drugs and we don't—have anything to do with it? A good question? I think so.

Letters policy

The Granite City Press-Record/Journal welcomes letters to the editor. The newspaper provides the "Letters" column to give readers an opportunity to voice opinions on various items of interest.

Letters should be brief, preferably less than two paragraphs. Typed letters, or letters that are neatly written, are given priority treatment. Preference is also given to locally originated letters, but letters from outside the area are accepted.

Each letter must be signed and include the telephone number and address of the author. Only the name and city will be printed, but authors may be called for verification purposes.



Jobs, family life keys to the 'mainstream' for African-Americans

(The following commentary is by Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris.)

Black History Month 1993 is a celebration of black culture and heritage—a time for pondering the course of our history, in search of greater pride, self-knowledge and positive identity.

Black History Month is a time for celebrating increased understanding between ourselves and others—a time for reflecting on the unique and meaningful contributions African-Americans bring to the rich American mosaic.

Black History Month is also a time for realism and objective assessment—a time for determining how far we must go before reaching what James Weldon Johnson has aptly described as "the white gleam where our bright star is cast."

It is a time for exploring new pathways and testing new strategies that will transform the deferred dreams and unrealized hopes of the past into the new opportunities and the bright achievements of the future.

One of the ways I am celebrating Black History Month 1993 is

Our guest

by continuing to work with the Illinois Commission on African-American Males, which I convened in June of last year.

I convened this commission because of the huge economic, social, and political disparities that continue to exist between black American males and the American population as a whole.

Consider the facts:

Nearly 23 percent of all black men between the ages of 20 and 29 are either in prison or on probation or parole.

Black males, while a much smaller percentage of the total population, account for a third of the nation's prison population.

One-fifth of all black men 15-34 have criminal records. As a group, black males have the highest rate of violent death in America, and much of that high death rate can be accounted for by black-on-black crime.

More than one-third of black males failed to complete a high school education.

And, in recent years, the number of black males attending college has declined. Black males are also increasingly missing from the family unit, as the number of married black adults fell from 64 percent in 1970 to 44 percent in 1990.

Nearly 60 percent of black children live in single-parent homes, and more than 90 percent live in homes without the economic support or the role-modeling of a father.

In convening the Illinois Commission on African-American Males, I asked some of the finest and most knowledgeable of our citizens to come together to discuss the problems facing our disadvantaged young black males.

This commission has held a series of public hearings, with additional meetings scheduled for the near future.

The members of the commission will be looking into such key areas as crime and drugs, health, education, housing, economic development and jobs, racism and politics, religion, community organizations and family life.

The commission will make recommendations directly to me for new policy and program initiatives that, hopefully, will allow more young black males to enter the economic, social, and political mainstream and to become productive members of American society.

In focusing on the work of the commission during, and beyond, Black History Month 1993, I feel that we are making a solid investment in the future of these young men and in the future of our society.

We have high hopes for the work of the commission, but we fully understand that it will take many such dedicated groups and the work of many committed hands to get the job done.

We must work together—as a united people with a common purpose, realizing that what is truly good for the least fortunate among us is, of necessity, good for all of us.

By celebrating Black History Month 1993 in this special way, I feel confident that we are helping to create a brighter future for African-American males, and for all Americans.

Letters

Sincerity lacking on budget, debt

TO THE EDITOR:

Many Americans, when they write to their congressmen about the budget deficit, will receive in reply a statement claiming that he is strongly in favor of cutting the budget and is working for a balanced-budget amendment.

But is backing the constitutional amendment the equivalent of supporting a balanced budget?

Unfortunately, it is not. All versions of the amendment yet proposed have numerous loopholes which would still permit wild spending.

Such an amendment would almost certainly be used to "justify" still higher taxes, which we definitely do not want.

If over half of the members of Congress would vote only for those federal activities authorized by the Constitution, and none other, the budget would be in the black.

There would be no budget deficit, and the national debt would shrink. And there would be no need for higher taxes.

But the problem is that the Constitution is being violated by massive unauthorized spending.

Adding a balanced-budget amendment would be merely cosmetic; the Constitution as amended could be violated just as easily as the Constitution in its present form. Why not? Think about it.

It is interesting to note that a certain congressman voted for the 1993 unbalanced-budget resolution and then three weeks later cynically voted for a "balanced budget" amendment.

The 1993 unbalanced-budget resolution is a plan to put us \$237 billion farther in debt than we already are. It passed, 209-207. The constitutional amendment got more votes, but did not pass because an amendment to the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority.

These 83 congressmen, if they had truly and sincerely wanted a balanced budget, would have voted against that horrendous resolution to unbalance the budget. They did not.

I say they are hypocrites. I am thankful that my congressman was not one of those 83 hypocrites. He voted against that 1993 unbalanced-budget resolution. How about your congressman? How did he vote?

The way to balance the budget is to quit the profligate spending. A good place to start is foreign

aid. Foreign aid is not authorized by the Constitution and never has been.

Let's just obey it.

BRUCE TABER, Kansas, III.
Chapter Leader, Chapter CXLZ
The John Birch Society

Still disagrees on hiring and taxes

TO THE EDITOR:

Persons in professions such as education, the clergy, and the judiciary are expected to perform at a higher level than the general public.

At Belleville Area College, the vast majority seem to realize this responsibility and quietly go about doing their jobs in an admirable manner.

However, a dozen or so individuals just can't seem to understand, and they operate at a level far below acceptable standards. I take a lot of heat for wanting to change the situation from those determined to maintain the status quo.

When I ran for the board five years ago, I hoped to clean up some of the problems. That has not happened.

We have the same old show, just some new faces.

The college is certainly growing, but had that been my only goal, I would not have run for the board. The previous administration proved over and over it was capable of breaking enrollment records.

It is not offensive the way some people are pumped while others are exploited.

It is unnecessary to see transgressions fiercely defended by the administration. It is repugnant to watch occasional breakdowns in acceptable hiring practices.

Hiring the best is not always a priority. And it is sad to see the tax games that Mark Levy and others play with the public.

For example, the board and administration continue to extend the so-called one-time life, health, safety tax without voter approval.

When they extend it, they make the extension a fraction of a cent lower than the previous year and imply we are lowering your taxes. Even a sixth-grader should be able to see through that.

It is disturbing that Mark Levy and Joe Welch, in order to cover the true facts, try to discredit me by implying my statements are inaccurate.

I can substantiate everything I have said. Perhaps it is easier to attack the messenger than face the message.

If they think their attacks will discourage my revealing unacceptable activities and conditions, they are wrong.

My letters will stop when the (activities and conditions) stop.

TED FARMER
Belleville
Member, BAC Board

Child restraints in cars save lives

TO THE EDITOR:

In 1993, the Illinois Department of Transportation is celebrating a very special event.

This is the 10th anniversary of the Child Passenger Protection Law. Our theme for this year's celebration is "Just a little effort... for a little life."

We will begin our anniversary celebration during Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 8-14.

The law, signed July 1, 1983, and amended Sept. 5, 1990, requires anyone who transports children in non-commercial vehicles to secure those under the age of four in an approved child restraint system and to secure four- and five-year-olds in a safety seat or a safety belt.

The bill also stipulates that parents and legal guardians of children under the age of four years are responsible for providing a child safety seat to anyone who transports his or her child.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have enacted laws requiring the use of child passenger protection systems. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 247 children, age four and younger, were saved in 1991 by child passenger safety restraints.

Also during that year, if child safety seats had been used 100 percent, 500 deaths could have been prevented, and 53,000 serious injuries could have been avoided to children under the age of five.

These are astounding figures. It only takes a few minutes before each trip to secure a child in a safety seat.

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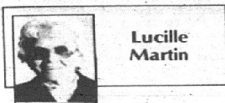
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Men take over church — for 1 day



Lucille Martin

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 351-0231.

Sunday, Jan. 31, was "Men's Day" at the Pontoon Baptist Church, 4900 Highway 111, with the men of the church in charge of the service. After the call to worship, "He Paid a Debt," Pastor Ed Hart gave the welcome and announcements. Roger Wilson led the congregation in singing several hymns accompanied by Ann Rainwater, pianist; Maxine Green, organist; and Paul A. Stayduhar, playing the base guitar. Larry Brake spoke on "Starting Missions."

Testimonies were given by Richard Rainey and Junior Hedger. Paul Stayduhar spoke on "Supporting Missions," and Harold McBride presented the outreach teaching. Special music was presented by Harlan Lufman. Gus Falter spoke on "Preaching in a Mission," bringing back memories of how the present church started as a mission and future plans. Pastor Ed spoke briefly and Louise Haynes closed with a talk on Missionary Moments.

The January meeting of the Golden Agers was held in the Salvation Army recreation hall, it opened with singing hymns led by Bud Seatturo.

Earl Spalding gave a reading entitled, "No Prayer in School." Ernestine Hahn gave a history of the famous "Let the Lower Lights be Burning," which was found in a War Cry book. She also invited everyone to take home the current War Cry book and read about the history of the hymn, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Vickie Harper, Eva Barrow, Beulah McKenna, Ola White, Emma Lou Mezo, Marie Verbylack, Dorothy Castleman recited the 24th chapter of Luke. Bill Turner, told in his own words the story of Lot and read a scripture from Luke 17. The Salvation Army provided the sliced turkey and the meal was completed with pot luck, consisting of a variety of food from all members. There were 45 members attending.

All goldenagers of all churches are invited to attend the meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Transportation is provided by calling 451-7957.

Lucille Martin entertained with a family get-together Saturday evening in her home on Breckenridge Lane. Daughter Maxine Green's birthday was on the 30th and birthday cake and ice cream were served. And Marilee Verdu of Millstadt; Robyn Campbell and daughters, Cristina and Lynda Watson of Troy; Kathy L. Green and daughters, Kourtney and Kerri; Tom and Kathy Green Sr.; Rebecca Green; Leona Anderson; and the hostess.

Club planning poster contest

The Cloverview Garden Club held its January meeting at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

Seven members attended and the hostess was Gladys Gandaria. Others present were Marlene Brokaw, Marge O'Neill, Ruth Knapp, Lois Cruse, Celi Johnson and Ronnie Williamson.

Roll call response was: "Name a threatened wildlife flower, animal or food species." The meeting was conducted by Ronnie Williamson. Celi Johnson and Marge O'Neill delivered Christmas presents to three patients at the nursing home. The three also need to have visitors as they have no relatives.

The Garden Club will have a poster contest, with a Feb. 22 date. It will feature "Smoky Bear" and "Woodsy Owl." Yearbook civic projects were discussed for the 1993-1994 book. Friday, April 23, is Arbor Day. The group will plant trees at the outdoor classroom near Lake School.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 9 and Louise Sedlack will be hostess. Lois Cruse gave the study, "Colors at Work," and showed pictures of colors that blend together.

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

According to the author's daughter, "Eneas Africanus" is a book that should be "read and cherished for its beautiful understanding of the colored race." Harry Stillwell Edwards, a white southern journalist, wrote "Eneas Africanus" in 1919 as a record of the "humor and pathos of the Negro's life" in the South with "his white folks."

The daughter had the book published in 1940.

How is the book perceived in 1993 in Madison County during Black History Month?

"I think he captured it well," said Altharine Guice Sands, a 74-year-old retired Madison school teacher who grew up in Montgomery, Ala. Sands read the book for the first time last week for a discussion of Black history.

"I remember the Negroes thinking very highly of their white folks," Sands said. "I was telling (a friend that) and I think she was shocked."

"But I remember that, if you really wanted to rile up my grandmother, all you had to do was talk bad about her white folks."

Sands, who graduated from Alabama State with bachelor's and master's degrees in education, taught in Madison for 11 years. Prior to that, she taught in East St. Louis and Alabama.

The period of the book — the years immediately after the Civil War — and the African-American society at the time have been written off by African Nationalist groups as irrelevant to "Black Culture" because it represents African-Americans living in a white culture that was not their own.

"Oh, I don't know that's true. It happened, and all history is important," Sands said.

"I don't think we can just forget history because it may be unpleasant."

In the book, Eneas, an "old family Negro," with his master — a Confederate colonel.

Eneas is given a chest containing the family silver, including a family heirloom silver wedding cup, after a battle near the end of the war. He is told to take it home to Tommesville, the family plantation.

Eneas takes a wrong turn and ends up wandering for eight years for 3,350 miles through seven states, picking up a wife and a half-dozen or so children along the way.

He survives, using his storytelling ability — artful lying — to charm white strangers, preach the gospel and win horse races.

The book begins with a plea in a newspaper from Col. Tommey. He is looking for the wedding cup for his daughter, who is soon to be married.

The story of Eneas' travels is told through a series of letters and newspaper items detailing his stops along the way.

"My, wasn't he resourceful! And, well, maybe the truth was embellished a bit, but I don't think that was unusual when dealing with white folks," Sands said.

As would be expected considering the time it was written, the book abounds with now-uncomfortable white-based stereotypes of African-Americans. One is



Altharine Guice Sands with a copy of "Eneas Africanus."

the idea of the "house Negro" and the "field Negro."

"Well, I always suspected the house Negroes thought they were the best, but that the field Negroes thought they were the ones that were better," Sands said.

"That's the way it always is when people look at what makes them different — you think you're better."

"But I believe that if all people, and this includes black and white, really look at it, there are a lot more ways we are the same than there are ways we are different."

"When we realize we are so much more alike than we are different, our differences aren't really important."

Another stereotypical idea is that the African-Americans were child-like and were better off when they had masters looking out for their welfare.

"For whatever reason, there was a real love between the white and black folks," Sands said. "Part of it is the old saying, 'You can't miss what you've never had.'"

"Part of it is doing what you have to do to get along. I'm not saying this is right, but I don't think you can pretend the love wasn't there."

Sands, who taught for 42 years before retiring 10 years ago, said she remembered teaching in a totally segregated school in Montgomery and asking the children what they thought about having to take different buses and attend different schools.

"I discovered they didn't think anything about it — that was just the way it was. I remember being very surprised," she said.

Looking at the story of Eneas, Sands said it is important to remember that he

made the trip and the wedding cup was returned in the end.

He was able to do that without being able to read and write, without any knowledge of geography and without any real help, she said.

"His wit and I guess you'd call it native ability got him through."

"I enjoyed following his travels and seeing how he got along in each place he went. He always did his best despite the circumstances," Sands said.

"That's what I always tried to do with my children as a teacher. Maybe this child didn't have clean clothes or other advantages the other children had. But no matter what the circumstances, there is no reason not to do your best."

"If you always do your best, you will succeed."

Is that the lesson "Eneas Africanus" offers?

"Well, as I read the book, I kept finding myself wondering who was hurt worse — the person who was owned or the person who owned them. I'm not sure I know the answer."

"I can't help wondering what a white man thinks — seeing how much the black man is accomplishing and taking some pleasure in those accomplishments — wondering just how much the black man could do if the white man wasn't standing on his neck."

"I think that would have to be a terrible, frightening feeling."

"And how much more could the white man do if he wasn't spending his time holding down the black man, a man he has a certain love for, a certain affection for?"

"Wouldn't it be better for everyone if

they could just stop? I think, knowing the answers, that would be a heavy burden to have to carry."

Sands lived in Montgomery at the time of the bombings and the rise of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"At the time, many of us couldn't see what the future held," Sands said.

"I have always admired Dr. King for having the insight, for being able to look past what was happening then and see a better world in the future."

Using a scriptural analogy, King said the midnight hour was approaching when the bridegroom would come and urge people to prepare themselves — bring extra oil for their lamps — so they would be there to greet him when the midnight hour came.

Sands said that, like King, she believes good will triumph in the world and "we have to be ready to be a part of that which is good or, when it comes, we won't be there to receive it."

History repeats itself, Sands said, and people who have not learned its lessons will not be prepared when the future arrives.

For that reason, she said, Americans need to remember Eneas and his time period.

"In the end, people must learn that, whenever you hurt anyone, you hurt everyone, including yourself," Sands said.

"It is wrong to own someone, and being owned hurts. Owning someone hurts, too, maybe worse than being owned."

"Slavery was a terrible thing, but we must remember it was a terrible thing for everyone. It almost destroyed our country, after all."



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By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

YOUTH FOCUS: Can you admit it when you make a mistake or is it hard? Why?

Becky Gehling, Madison
"It is hard to admit it when you make a mistake, but I still do it. Because you can be unusual when raised and you don't want to be wrong."

Shawnitay Fitzgerald, Madison
"Yes, I can admit it when I make a mistake. Because I do not think that I am better than anyone else."

Amanda Bailey, Madison
"Yes, I can admit it when I make a mistake because if you make a mistake there is nothing to be ashamed about. Just try again."

Brandon Williams, Madison
"Yes. Everyone makes mistakes."

Emmitt Gordon, Madison
"I will admit it when I make a mistake so I can learn how to do it and don't make the same mistake again."

Kim Faulkner, Granite City
"No. It's not hard to admit my mistakes because I know everybody makes mistakes. If you can't admit your mistakes, you are not very brave."

Candice McIntyre, Venice
"Sometimes it is hard to admit when you make a mistake. The reason is you don't want to get in trouble."

Jennifer Vanhuss, Granite City
"Yes, it is hard. There is no way I can admit to something I did wrong while I'm looking at someone straight in the eyes. They might get mad at me, and I don't want them to lose their trust in me."

Carl Moore, Madison
"It is hard. Because I am scared they might yell at me."

Pia Horton, Madison
"Yes. Because you can learn from your mistakes."

Tamika Rutherford, Venice
"Yes, I can admit that I made a mistake and it's not hard for me to because I'm not perfect."

Erika Price, Venice
"At times I can admit them when it is something like: I forgot to buy your paper. It is harder to admit a mistake when it is one that will hurt someone such as: I broke your antique watch that used to belong to your mother or I met your boyfriend the other day but at the time I didn't know and we kind of hit it off. If you are in any one of these situations, it is easier if you wait for the right time and tell them, no matter what the consequences are. The important thing is you tell the truth."

Yolanda Cole, Venice
"It's hard for me to admit my mistakes when I know I'm wrong. I feel embarrassed when I find out I'm wrong and

that person might laugh at me. Then finally admit that I made a mistake."

Tea Berry, Venice
"Yes, I can admit I made a mistake. I don't have to lie about it."

Keith Ingram, Venice
"I can't admit when I make a mistake. Yes, it's hard for me because some mistakes make you feel stupid because they are simple."

Amanda Guenther, Granite City
"Yes, I am able to admit a mistake. The reason why is that I feel bad when I hurt someone's feelings or make someone upset over a mistake that I made. Also, when you see someone unable to admit a mistake, that person looks really rude and unfeeling. So I think that when you make a mistake, no matter how serious, you should always talk it out and admit it was wrong."

Scott Laird, Granite City
"It is hard to admit it when you have made a mistake because, if you are in front of a lot of people, you might feel stupid and get laughed at. Secondly, it makes you look unintelligent."

Jonathan Hart, Granite City
"Yes, it is hard for me to admit a mistake because I'm one of the smarter people in my family. I should know what's right and what's wrong. So when I do make a mistake, I don't like to admit them."

Nicole Borst, Granite City
"Sometimes it is hard to admit when I make a mistake. It seems hard when people are watching me. It is embarrassing. Around my friends I feel more comfortable admitting a mistake I've made. They are less critical and won't laugh at me."

Obituaries

Joseph Schaefer

Joseph P. Schaefer, 56, of Granite City, formerly of Carlyle, died at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis. He had been in the hospital for two weeks and ill for eight years.

Born July 22, 1936, he was a machinist at McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis and a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, the Machinists Union and the Madison County Farm Bureau. He was a veteran and served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Donna (Orkin) Schaefer, sons Darrell Schaefer and Jeff Schaefer, both of Granite City, three brothers, Jim Schaefer of Florida, John Schaefer of St. Louis, and Bob Schaefer of Carlyle; and three sisters, Jane Gissy, Grace Stoltz and Shirley Bertin, all of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis P. and Elizabeth (Nothaus) Schaefer.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. with a Wake Service at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Father Robert Grand officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Carlyle.

The family suggests masses to the church as memorials.

Earnest Darnell

Earnest F. Darnell, 52, of Granite City died at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Veterans Hospital, St. Louis. He had been ill for one year.

Born in Granite City on April 19, 1940, he had been a lifelong resident.

He was employed for seven years as a developmental trainer at Oath Inc. in Madison, a veteran, he was a member of Tri-City American Legion Post 113 and was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Dora Gonzalez; daughter, who he married in 1964, a daughter, Denise Darnell of St. Louis; a son, Vincent M. Darnell of Columbia, Mo.; four brothers, Sonny Darnell of Broadview, Texas; Mack S. Darnell of Huntington, Texas; Bill Darnell of California and John Hinkle of

Granite City; and three sisters, Sadie Dean of Arizona, Jodee Hyden of Texas and Starr Springfield of Broadview.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sterling Mack Darnell and Lorraine (Friley) Darnell.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, P.O. Box 18, Granite City.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

Bernice Smith

Bernice Smith, 61, of Madison died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Born in Lucy, Tenn., on May 25, 1931, she had been a resident of the Metro East area for many years.

She was employed by the TTT Inn for 23 years and was a member of Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Madison.

Survivors include four daughters, Claudine Boyd, Reshelle Williams, Bernadette Williams and Cynthia Smith; four sons, Roselle Williams, Darryl Williams, Herman Smith Jr. and Timothy Smith; a brother, Eugene Williams; and 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, East St. Louis, where wake services and family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Nebo Baptist Church, 800 Jefferson Ave. in Madison, with the Rev. Jerome Jackson officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Phillip James

Phillip W. James, 32, of Granite City died at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond Heights, Mo., of internal bleeding.

Born in Granite City on Feb. 21, 1960, he had been a resident of Granite City for 34 years.

He graduated from St. Louis University in 1985 with a master's degree in health and finance and had been employed for five years as a consultant for the Maritz

Corp. consulting firm in St. Louis. Survivors include his parents, William and Naomi James, of Granite City; and three uncles and two aunts, John and Shirley James of Granite City, Thomas James of Rockwood, Ill., and Jack and Bonelyn Moss of Joliet.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Irwin Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, P.O. Box 18, Granite City, Mo. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

John Macek

John Macek, 85, of Madison died at 1:30 a.m. Feb. 3, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been in the hospital for two weeks and ill for about 14 months.

He was born Dec. 27, 1907, in St. Louis and lived in Madison for 80 years. He was retired from Las Vegas casinos, where he had worked as a dealer.

Survivors include one brother, Andrew Macek of Granite City; and one sister, Rose Macek of Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Pearl (Shubick) Macek; three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral arrangements were by Lake-Sedlack Funeral Home. As requested, his remains were cremated.

Trivia

In 1914, the National Stamping and Enameling Co., fired the Smiths, the 125 members of Lodge 26 of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, which represented Isenbach, responded with a "wildcat strike" and were immediately fired. The entire AA then walked out and NESCO was shut down. A week later, NESCO gave in and everyone, including Isenbach, was back on the job.

2265 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday by the Rev. Kenneth Miller. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

SMITH, Mrs. Viola, 84, of Carlsbad, N.M., formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1992, at Lakeview-Northgate Christian Home, Carlsbad. Services were held Thursday, Dec. 10, at Central Christian Church, Carlsbad, by the Rev. John Cretz. Arrangements were by Denton Funeral Home, Carlsbad. Memorials to the Building Fund of Central Christian Church, 305 N. Oak, Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

THING, Hazel Nora (Currie), 73, of Staunton, formerly of Granite City and Mount Olive, died at 2:54 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 1993, at St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield. Services were held Wednesday at Becker and Sons Funeral Home, Mount Olive, with Hazel Daley speaking. Burial was at Union Miners Cemetery, Mount Olive. Memorials to First United Methodist Church, Mount Olive.

WATSON, Ezekiah, 31, of Maryville died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1993, at St. Louis University Hospital. Services were held Friday, Jan. 29, at Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Madison. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Arrangements were by Officier Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

WINDSOR, Gladys J. (Luber), 64, of Granite City died at 2:05 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis County. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Don Stratton. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

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Original Belle investors are likely to hit stock jackpot

SPRINGFIELD — The original investors in the Alton Belle Casino appear to be on a roll to a huge jackpot as the company goes public with a stock offering under Argosy Gaming Co.

Although 5 million shares are set for approval for public sale later this month, the 10 investors who got in on the ground floor of Alton Riverboat Gambling Partnership Inc. will still hold about 20 million shares, or 79.5 percent of the common stock, according to a preliminary prospectus made public Monday.

The prospectus anticipates an initial price of at least \$18 per share for the public offering, although the Alton broker predicts it will sell for at least \$20.

The document also discloses compensation paid the casino firm's top management, including Chief Executive Officer J. Thomas Long, the former Madison County Republican chairman.

The prospectus says Long received total compensation last year of \$568,405, of which \$371,850 was a retirement benefit.

Cat deaths rise in county

A total of 1,743 kittens and cats were killed at Madison County Animal Control last year, compared to 1,584 in 1991.

The number of puppies and dogs destroyed decreased in 1992; 2,559 dogs were killed, compared to 2,731 in 1991.

"The numbers reveal Madison County is following the national trend," said Ledy VanKavage, president of the Madison County Humane Society.

"Although there has been a slight decrease in the number of dogs euthanized nationally, the number of cats killed continues to rise. Not only are these unnecessary deaths tragic, they are also costly to taxpayers."

"Cats are so much more prolific than dogs that they should be spayed before they have their first litter," she said.

"Unneutered males should never be allowed to roam. Winter is a great time to have your pet fixed before all the unwanted litters in spring arrive."

"For information on low-cost spaying and neutering, please call Madison County Humane Society at 656-4405."

Study

Prior to Tuesday night's meeting, the City Council's Finance Committee, which serves in the interim capacity for the Town Board, met with Township Supervisor Nelson Hagauer and Attorney William Schooley.

Hagauer and Schooley said the funds would be available for the additional work.

Aldermen Sandy Crites and Jeff Worthen, both of whom voted against commissioning the city review, and Finance Committee Chairman Walter Milton voted against including the township in the review.

Alderman Jim Miller, who had voted against the city study, voted in favor of including the township in the scope of work. He suggested that the business leaders who agreed to pay for half of the city review be asked to pick up half of the township tab.

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fit.

It also discloses former chief operating officer John Connors was paid \$225,000 to terminate his contract after he decided to leave the firm this month to make way for veteran casino executive Stephen Norton.

Long had once been under consideration for appointment as a federal judge, but according to the prospectus, he signed a five-year employment agreement last August to continue as chief executive officer and general counsel for the riverboat gambling operation.

His current contract calls for Long to receive \$275,000 in salary the first year and a \$25,000 raise each of the four years after that.

In addition, the firm agreed to pay him the \$371,850 in retirement benefit each year for a total retirement fund of \$1,859,250. Long and his wife are also provided with lifetime health and life insurance coverage.

Other executive compensation listed for 1992 was \$225,481 to

John Connors, and \$148,699 to casino manager Anthony Consetto.

Long and Springfield developer and Republican fund-raiser William Cellini will be the two largest shareholders after the proposed sale of 5 million shares in Argosy, the prospectus says.

Long and Cellini own 3.22 and 3.22 percent of the common stock each after the public offering. Long is putting up \$5,556 shares for public sale, while Cellini is selling 111,111 shares.

John Connors and his brother, professional tennis star Jimmy Connors, would each hold 2.5 million or 9.9 percent of the common stock in Argosy. Each is selling 93,332 shares to the public.

East Alton attorney L. Thomas Lakin, Madison County Associate Circuit Judge David Herndon, and White Hall attorney John B. Pratt Sr. would have 1,611,111 shares or 6.6 percent in Argosy stock each after the public sale, according to the prospectus.

— From the Alton Telegraph

the band's first album, "Parental Aphrodisiac Experience," unmistakably has roots in Led Zeppelin's "Brown Bomber" era in the late 1960s, especially Bunjan's drumming.

"Yeah, I had an older brother. The '80s really sucked for music. I'm sort of glad I didn't play while I was in college."

Esse Ecks' strong points in the variety of musical tastes held by its members.

"Our music's hard to talk about — the music talks for itself," Bunjan said. "We do, however, attract a lot of 'bikers.' It seems like the bikers find us no matter where we go."

"It's not a problem, though," Bunjan said, that the last time Esse Ecks was in this area, it got a really warm reception. He hopes all his friends who have said, "I wish I could hear you some time," meant it and will show up Friday or Saturday.

He said the band has also invited every booking agent and bar owner in the St. Louis area in the hope of obtaining future engagements here.

"I'm not a rock star yet. I haven't quit my day job. But maybe someday," he said.

Hike

Based on past practice, there is no reason (for the city) to do anything to the senior aides," Nighossian said.

He suggested that the aldermen reject the union's demands and, if the union wants to pursue it, let it be taken to arbitration under the contract.

The City Council voted to refer the complaint to the Negotiating Committee.

County Board would issue bonds to pay construction costs and assessed at \$25,000 about \$4.35 a year, will drop from tax bills next year.

The Finance Committee is expected to study the question in more detail late next week and offer recommendations within two weeks.

State's Attorney William Haine said the Illinois Attorney General's Office had been in touch with him to inquire about progress toward solving problems at the juvenile home. No deadline has been set.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BELLOVICH, Angeline (Lansing), 72, of Granite City died 7:55 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 1993, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Saturday, Jan. 23, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Mount Olive. Arrangements were by Mercer Mortuary, Granite City.

BRANCH, Elbert, 61, of Madison died at 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Visitation was held Wednesday at Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, and Canaan Galilee Baptist Church, Madison, with funeral services Wednesday at the church by the Rev. Rodney Howlett. Burial will be today at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

CRIMMINS, Sister Lorraine, 87, of O'Fallon, Mo., formerly of Madison, died at 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 1993, at the Most Precious Blood Convent, O'Fallon. Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. today at Most Precious Blood Convent, O'Fallon, with burial following. Memorials are suggested for Most Precious Blood Convent, O'Fallon, Mo.

FRYNTZKO, Raymona C. (Carl), 83, of Granite City died at 4:40 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Ralph Totten. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to Netheringhaus United Methodist Church.

KINWORTHY, Orville, 83, of Collinsville died Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993, at Collinsville Care Center. Services were held Monday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Donald Burroughs. Graveside services were held Tuesday at West Branch (Iowa) Cemetery. Memorials to the day at Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter.

KRAUS, Barbara Mae (Harris), 52, of Granite City was pronounced dead at 6:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 1993, at home. A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. today at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Her remains were donated to St. Louis University. Memorials to Hospice.

MAIXNER, Mabel L. (Black), 77, of Granite City died at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday at Davison Funeral Home, Granite City, with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

MARLETTE, Billy Joe, 62, of Granite City died at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He served 23 years in U.S. Navy electronics and later worked for National Gypsum, Long Beach, Calif. Survivors include his wife, Ikuo Ushiro Marlette, and a sister, Patricia Naler of Edwardsville. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Don Stratton. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

POLO, Joseph, 87, of Gillespie died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993, at St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield. Mass was celebrated Saturday at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, Gillespie, by the Rev. Larry Auda. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Gillespie. Arrangements were by Kravany Funeral Home, Gillespie. Memorials to Sts. Simon and Jude School of Gillespie or the Gillespie/Bend Area Ambulance.

RICHARDSON, John G., 44, of Granite City died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Henry Crippen. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

RYDER, Larry "Red," 56, of Venice died at 5:25 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993, at home. His remains were cremated. Arrangements were by Lake-Sedlack Funeral Home, Madison.

SIMPSON, Geraldine, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Grafton, died at 12:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Simon A. Simon. Burial was at Brighton Cemetery. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church, Brighton.

SMITH, Ophia I. (Winters), 69, of Granite City died at 6:50 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary,

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Mr. and Mrs.
Bruce HopkeHopke-
Cramer

Carolyn Mildred Cramer and Bruce Joseph Hopke were married on May 30, 1982, at the First Baptist Church of Edwardsville by the Rev. Bret Truax.

The bride is the daughter of Frank Cramer and Donna Cramer, both of Granite City. The groom is the son of August and Phyllis Hopke of Granite City.

Sue Hanson of Granite City served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Sanders of Granite City, Dottie Borden of St. Charles, Mo., and Richelle Cramer of Smithton.

Michael Novich of Granite City was best man. Groomsmen were Terry Manion, Todd Manion and Colin David, all of Granite City.

Ushers were Chris Guebert of Edwardsville, Mo., and William Cramer of Smithton.

Jessica Papp of Granite City served as flower girl.

Duncan Pfeiffer of Alton was the ringbearer.

A reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City was followed by a honeymoon in Hawaii. The newlyweds are living in Granite City.

The bride graduated from Granite City High School in 1987 and from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1991 with a degree in mathematics. She is an intern at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville.

Also a GCHS graduate, the groom received a degree in aeronautics from Parks College of St. Louis University. He is an engineer for McDonnell Douglas.

Infant CPR class set

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, is offering a class regarded as important for every parent, family member, and care giver — Infant CPR and Safety.

It teaches lifesaving techniques specifically designed for infants.

The class will meet in the OB Solarium on the second floor of the Doctors Wing from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Pre-registration is required.

Infant CPR and Safety, taught by a registered nurse, teaches techniques that could mean the difference between life and death for an infant. It is not a certification course. Cost is \$10.

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, Feb. 9. For more information or to register, persons may call Education Resources at 798-3281.

Kathleen Groboski
and Garry Henson IIGroboski-
Henson

Kathleen Groboski, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Groboski of Granite City, and Garry Henson II, son of Garry and Virginia Henson of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be, of Granite City, is a 1992 graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy and is employed by St. Louis University Hospital and St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a senior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in history and secondary education. He is employed by the St. Louis County Parks Department.

The couple is planning a March 20 wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Britt-
Wilson

Rebekah Elayne Wilson and Kenneth Wayne Britt were married Oct. 17, 1992, at First United Pentecostal Church. The Rev. Ed Snyder performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Carol Wilson of Granite City and the groom is the son of Kenneth and Carol Britt of Granite City.

The matron of honor was Nancy Barnes of Granite City, sister of the groom.

The bridesmaids were Nancy Heil, friend of the couple, and Melanie Heil, groom's niece.

The best man was Charles Britt of Granite City, brother of the groom.

The groomsmen were Ted Hall Sr., brother-in-law of the groom, and Ted Hall Jr., nephew of the groom.

The flower girl was Jessie Walts, friend of bride.

The ringbearer was Kyle Beasley, friend of bride.

Ushers were Ed Burris and Ed Staples, both of Granite City.

A reception was held at Township Hall.

After a wedding trip to Branson, Mo., the couple resides in Granite City.

Edith Hard
and Jim TerziorskiHard-
Terziorski

Edith Hard, daughter of Wesley Hard of St. Louis, and Jim Terziorski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kristoff of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be, of Granite City, is a 1986 graduate of Edwardsville Senior High School and is currently a junior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in accounting. She is employed by Magna Bank of Madison County in Granite City as a teller.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and is currently attending Belleville Area College, majoring in business. He is also a teller at Magna Bank of Madison County.

The couple is planning a May 7, 1994, wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Mr. and Mrs.
Mark MinderMinder-
Georgieff

The wedding of Dimana Lynn Georgieff and Mark Andrew Minder was held on Nov. 14, 1992, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Springfield by the Rev. Patrick Wright of Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Betty Georgieff of Canton and the granddaughter of Eva M. Gitcho of Madison and the late Thomas John Gitcho and Toma and Tasa Georgieff of Granite City.

The groom's parents are William and Helen Minder of Springfield.

Margo Ward of Springfield was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Maureen O'Donnell, Julie Minder, Maria Thelen, Beth Martin and Beth Ann Bechtold.

Bill Kowalski was best man. Groomsmen were Steve Minder, Eric Minder, Edward Georgieff, Jim Kelly and Brad Dyer.

Ushers were Lou Minder, Brian Minder, Matt Minder, Dennis Kelly, Paul Thelen and Dan Berre.

The flower girls were Jessica Hassler and Rebecca Ambuehl.

Brian Kapp was the ringbearer.

A reception dinner was held at the American Center in Springfield.

After a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, they are living in Springfield.

The bride graduated from Canton High School, Springfield College and St. John's School of Nursing.

She is a surgical nurse at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

The groom graduated from Griffin High School and from Springfield College with an associates degree.

He received a bachelor's and a master's degree from Illinois State University and is employed as print communications specialist at Horace Mann Insurance Co., Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs.
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The honorees have 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs.
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Mr. West and his wife, Lora, were married Dec. 23, 1922, in the home of Elder J.L. Lawellen of Walnut Grove, Ark. They attended worship at Clark Avenue Church of Christ. Mr. West retired from Standard Pipe Protection Company of Brentwood, Mo., in 1964.

Baechtel-Flinn-Baechtel

Laura Flinn-Baechtel and Andrew Baechtel renewed their marriage vows in a formal ceremony Nov. 25, 1992, at the Sheraton Waikaloa on the island of Hawaii. Hawaiian leis were exchanged in the religious ceremony.

The couple originally eloped Oct. 13, 1991, in Aesperia, Calif.

Laura Flinn-Baechtel, formerly of Granite City, works as a professional spokesmodel in Los Angeles and tends her four-month-old son, Andrew. Andrew John Baechtel is the editor of a Los Angeles-based automotive magazine.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When an attorney talks about the issue of liability in an automobile accident, he is really attempting to determine who was at fault. One factor in determining who caused the accident is what tickets for moving violations were issued to the drivers. Often the police will come to the accident scene after the cars have collided and issue tickets to one or both drivers.

In one recent case, a driver (Driver 1) was proceeding through an intersection on green light. After he came through the intersection, a second driver (Driver 2) pulled out of a private parking lot into the path of the first driver. The cars collided, and both drivers were injured.

The police came to the accident scene and issued Driver 2 a ticket for failure to yield. This ticket presumably was issued because Driver 2 pulled into the path of Driver 1 when, in fact, Driver 1 had the right of way. The policeman also determined from the skid marks of the first car that he was traveling too fast for conditions. Therefore, Driver 1 also received a ticket.

Driver 1 argued with the policeman that he should not be issued a ticket. He maintained that the only reason he skidded after he

came through the intersection was because there were cinders on the roadway. Nevertheless, the policeman gave him the ticket anyway.

Driver 1 sustained serious injuries in the accident. The question was raised as to how significant his moving violation would be in terms of the issue of liability. Would the damages he received for his property damage and personal injuries be reduced because of this ticket?

The answer to this question depends upon an understanding that Illinois is a comparative negligence state. When settling a case, an insurance company looks at the relative fault of the parties. If a court finds that Driver 1 was traveling too fast for conditions, this could later be used against him to demonstrate he was partially at fault in the accident.

If he was 25% at fault in the accident; for instance, his damages would be reduced by this percentage. Therefore, it would appear to be important for Driver 1 to go to traffic court and fight his ticket so that his recovery in the personal injury case will not later be reduced.

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Women's club to meet Tuesday

The Christian Women's Club serving Madison County will feature a "Treasured Hearts" luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Quality Inn-Rainier Restaurant in Collinsville.

The two-hour luncheon program will feature a demonstration on making old-fashioned valentines.

Everyone present will have the opportunity to make a valentine of her own during the demonstration.

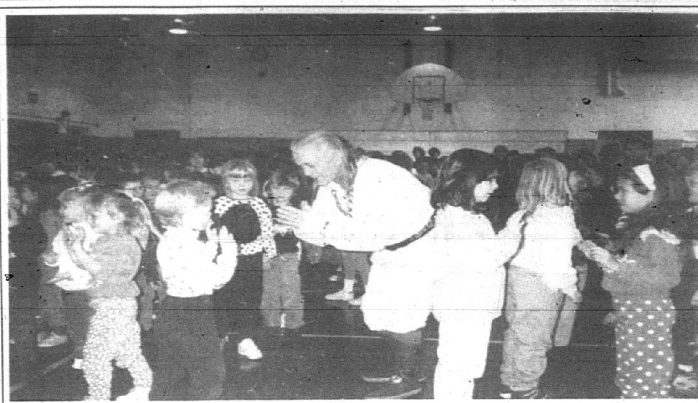
Special music for the afternoon will be provided by Carol Bowers. Inspirational speaker will be Rene Birge from Decatur.

All women are invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$7, payable at the door.

A free nursery for preschoolers will be provided.

Reservations for the luncheon are essential and should be made by noon Friday by calling Beverly at 667-2259 or Dorothy at 344-0674.

The Christian Women's Club, which is non-denominational, is part of an international organization which has over 2,200 groups across the North American continent. A unique feature of the group is that there are no dues or formal membership.



Living History — Native American Jack Cardinal visits Wilson School to present an assembly, "Take A Walk in my Moccasins." Cardinal travels with authentic artifacts, some of which he has made using the same techniques that the Indians have used for 300 years. Students had the chance to see authentic bows, arrows, lances, drums, war clubs, and clothing.

Film, talk Tuesday on addiction

The Edgewood Program at Edwardsville will present a film and talk at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, on "How To Help An Alcoholic or Drug Addict Who Help Himself."

The speaker for the evening will be Dan Huff, intervention counselor for Edgewood.

This talk is free and open to the public. The Edgewood Program is located at 1121 University Drive, near the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville campus entrance.

For more information about the Edgewood Program at Edwardsville, call 656-6730 or 1-800-458-6477.

University of Illinois grads named

The names of 1,711 January graduates have been announced by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Among the recipients of the 1,097 undergraduate degrees, 609 graduate degrees and five professional degrees.

Local recipients include:

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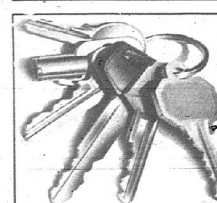
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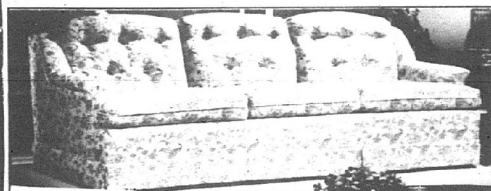


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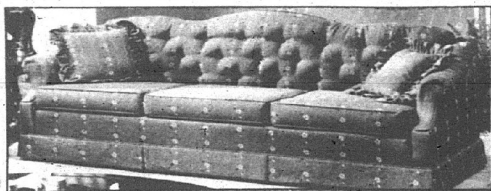
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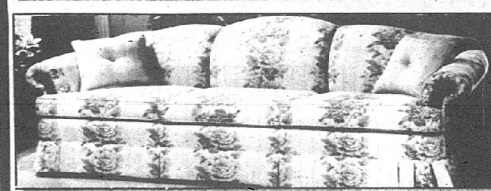
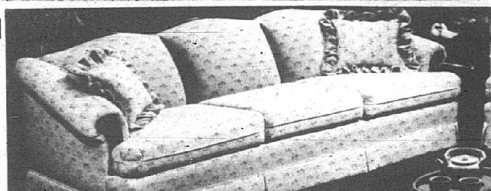
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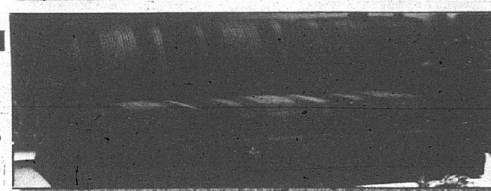
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Dan Clark
Division I bound

Warrior kicker Dan Clark commits to WIU

Granite City senior following path taken by Biason, others

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Granite City High School's Dan Clark recently became the first Warrior soccer player to accept a Division I offer this year when he committed to Western Illinois University.

Clark, a two-year starter at fullback, is expected to sign sometime this month after committing about two weeks ago. The Granite City senior said he visited the WIU campus in Macomb and came away liking coach John Mackenzie's program.

"I really liked the campus,"

Clark said. "The coach was very friendly. A lot of the people who have gone there have had success."

Clark will join the Leathernecks and follow a path taken by Scott Biason, Herb Heaton and Barry Grote, among others. Coach Gene Baker, who has sent numerous players on to the college level, said he is pleased with Clark's decision.

"It's a good place for him," Baker said. "We've had a number of players go there and excel. He's going to vie for a starting spot immediately."

Clark was one of Granite City's top players in the past two

years. He offered the Warriors solid defense and a hard-working approach to the game.

One of the highlights of his high school career was receiving the Dave Morgan award, given each season to a lesser-known player who exemplifies a certain character on the field.

"It's an award that we hold to be very important," Baker said. "It's a blue-collar player who goes a little bit unsung. He has a blue-collar ethic, and it really reflects in his play."

"In many ways, he was our steady-state defender. He's also a quality young man."

Clark provided one of the most

exciting moments of the season for the Warriors during the Edwardsville Class AA Sectional.

With the Warriors trailing O'Fallon 1-0 early in the second half, Clark caught the inner post with a remarkable shot from the sideline. The goal, Clark's first on the year, paved the way to a 2-1 win.

"I was pretty shocked it went in," Clark said. "It was a tough angle."

After the season ended, Clark made the all-Southwestern Conference team.

Clark is also a hard worker off the field. He carries a 4.1 grade-point average on a 5.0 scale.

Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 4
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Granite City at Cahokia, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Granite City at Belleville East, 6 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL: Belleville East at Granite City, 6:15 p.m.; Madison at Jackson, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6
WRESTLING: Granite City at Cahokia Class AA Regional (individual competition), 10 a.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL: Granite City at Edwardsville, 6:15 p.m.; Vashon vs. Greenview at Eastern Illinois Shootout, 5:30 p.m.; Madison vs. Flora at Eastern Illinois Shootout, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8
HOCKEY: Vashon at Granite City at Granite City, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 9
WRESTLING: Granite City at Cahokia Class AA Regional (team competition), 9 a.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL: Venice at Math and Science, 6 p.m.

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

Large Schools

1. De Soto (1)	18-1
2. Vashon (3)	14-3
3. East St. Louis (4)	17-3
4. DeSmet (5)	15-3
5. (tie) St. Charles West (5)	15-1
6. Chaminade (2)	17-1
7. Riverview Gardens (7)	10-8
8. Roosevelt (8)	12-4
9. Collinsville (10)	14-5
10. SLUH (6)	11-6

Small Schools

1. T. J. Ryan (1)	15-2
2. Jennings (2)	15-3
3. Festus (3)	11-5
4. Cardinal Ritter (4)	17-3
5. Red Bud (7)	16-3
6. Gibault (6)	15-4
7. MADISON (NR)	12-4
8. John S. Baughman (5)	11-5
9. Berkeley (8)	10-5
10. South County Tech (NR)	15-3

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

Large Schools

1. St. Joseph's (1)	14-0
2. Holy Spirit (2)	17-3
3. Cor Jesu (3)	14-3
4. Howell North (4)	16-1
5. Howell (5)	15-1
6. Woodstock (6)	11-3
7. Parkway West (8)	11-5
8. Nerinx Hall (9)	16-5
9. GRANITE CITY (10)	14-6
10. Hazelwood E. (6)	11-4

Small Schools

1. Incarnate Word (1)	18-1
2. Wesclin (2)	19-3
3. Wellston (3)	15-1
4. Visitation (4)	12-4
5. Troy (5)	12-4
6. Rosati-Kain (9)	10-6
7. Kennedy (6)	13-2
8. Lutheran North (8)	13-5
9. St. John's (7)	11-4
10. (tie) St. Dominic (T-10)	11-4
11. (tie) Principia (NR)	12-2

Players needed for AABC teams

A Granite City baseball coach, Doug Winfield, is looking to form teams for a traveling league to compete in the American Amateur Baseball Congress. Players born after Aug. 1, 1978, are needed.

The league will have a regular-season summer schedule and a playoff format leading to AABC state tournament play. The league is for players who would like to compete against teams throughout the southwestern Illinois region.

For more information, call Winfield after 5 p.m. at 931-7082.

Park District board approves new rule

The Granite City Park District Board of Commissioners recently enacted a new rule pertaining to the age requirements for boys in the Atom I baseball program and girls in the Atom ponytail softball program.

The park board approved a rule recommended by the baseball/ponytail softball rules and protest committee. The reason for the change is to allow boys and girls to play against others who are in the same grade of school. The old rule required children to be born in the same calendar year, which conflicts with the age requirements used in other districts.

For the year 1994, all boys and girls who start playing organized ball in the district must be born between Sept. 1, 1985, and Aug. 31, 1986.

The same rule will apply for 1995. The rule for this year shall read: Boys and girls born between Sept. 1, 1984, and Dec. 31, 1985, shall be able to participate in the Atom I Division of baseball and ponytail softball.

The rule covers the children born in the September through December who would be excluded if the new rule were to go into effect this year. Those born in that period will not be allowed to move down next year, but will continue to play in the division in which they began.

Devils, Trojans gunned down at Shootout

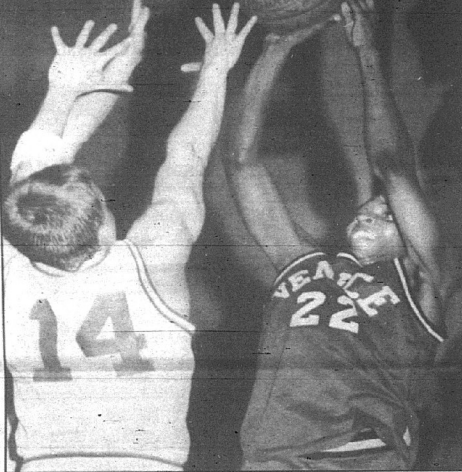
Strong start paces Eagles past Venice

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

A breakdown in fundamentals cost the Venice Red Devils another game Tuesday night. This time it came against Columbia, which beat Venice 68-62 in the Metro East Shootout at Madison.

Columbia 68, Venice 62				
	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts
Venice	24	5	15	62
Columbia	24	5	15	68
Rebounds				
Venice	10	3	11	
Columbia	10	3	11	
Assists				
Venice	10	3	11	
Columbia	10	3	11	
Steals				
Venice	10	3	11	
Columbia	10	3	11	
Blocks				
Venice	10	3	11	
Columbia	10	3	11	
Turnovers				
Venice	10	3	11	
Columbia	10	3	11	

After falling behind by 17 points in the second quarter, Venice rallied to pull within six points (32-26) at the break. The Red Devils never led after three quarters. But missed free throws (See Venice, Page 28)



Venice forward Brandon Burnett goes up for a shot against Columbia's Lance Wyatt.

Powerful Vashon High takes toll on Madison

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

High-powered Vashon paid a visit to Madison High School on Tuesday night at the Metro East Shootout and quickly exited with a 55-46 win over the Trojans, giving the hosts a sample of one of the top programs in the St. Louis area.

While impressed with the Wolverines, Madison coach Al Collins was hardly willing to concede the game. The Trojans were outmatched by a physically superior team, but Collins was making no excuses for his players. Vashon is ranked among the region's top large schools.

"Even though we're playing the best, I'm disappointed in any loss," Collins said. "We always pump our kids up to win, and they expect to win."

"I guess I'm not real disappointed. It could have been a lot worse."

"I don't think they should hold their heads down," Vashon coach Floyd Irons said. "I thought Madison played hard."

With the exception of a 7-0 run midway through the second quarter, when Vashon pulled away, the Wolverines never quite put away the Trojans. Vashon took its biggest lead of the game at 42-27 late in the third quarter on a 3-point play by guard Terrell Bailey, but the Trojans rallied in the fourth quarter and outscored the Wolverines 16-13.

Vashon 55, MADISON 46				
	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts
Vashon	24	5	15	55
Madison	24	5	15	46
Rebounds				
Vashon	10	3	11	
Madison	10	3	11	
Assists				
Vashon	10	3	11	
Madison	10	3	11	
Steals				
Vashon	10	3	11	
Madison	10	3	11	
Blocks				
Vashon	10	3	11	
Madison	10	3	11	
Turnovers				
Vashon	10	3	11	
Madison	10	3	11	

Vashon's guard play on offense and smothering defense spelled the difference in the two teams. Bailey led all scorers with 17 points, including 3 pointers, and 6-foot-7 center Antonio Bobo pulled down 11 rebounds.

Vashon's other guard, playmaker Jamie Kemp, backed up Bailey with 11 points. Kemp, a senior, is headed for Southwest Missouri State.

Bailey hit two 3-pointers in the decisive second quarter. His trey with 15 seconds left gave the Wolverines a 27-18 lead at halftime, and his drives to the basket in the second half went (See Madison, Page 28)



Granite City's Jason Crites steadies the puck.

Warrior hockey team's year-long win streak snapped at 16 games

Loss of netminders puts skaters' season on hold

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

For weeks on end, the Granite City hockey team defied team after team in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association American Conference and compiled a 16-game winning streak. The Warriors often scored at will against the competition and appeared unstoppable.

But the Warriors ended their season-long streak and began another one last Saturday — a string of two ties. Granite City skated to a 3-3 tie against Francis Howell on Saturday and then tied Melville 5-5 at home Monday.

The Warriors, who are now 16-2-2, have still kept their undefeated streak intact. They are 16-2 since last November.

Coach Jake Hinterser, however, is not that concerned about



his team's record at this point. The team has been stripped of its two goaltenders, Jim Monroe and John Nappier, in the past two weeks.

Monroe, a senior who is academically ineligible, is out for the season. Nappier, a sophomore, could be facing a league suspension for a misconduct earned while playing midget hockey in Affton, Mo.

The sudden turn of events has

Hinterser somewhat concerned. The team will also be without sophomore forwards Chris Valencia and Steve Siede, who are both academically ineligible. Granite City has just one game left in the regular season before the playoffs begin. The Warriors play Monday at home against Parkway Central.

"We've had a very tough week," Hinterser said. "We've got to get it back together. We need to get back to some semblance of the team we should be."

Nappier, who played as Monroe's backup this season, filled in successfully for a brief period. He posted shutouts against McCluer and Hazelwood East, and he raised his record to 6-0 with a 7-3 win over St. Mary's last week.

But over the weekend, Nappier (See Skaters, Page 38)

Lady Warriors get fifth seed in sectional

Girls wrapping up regular season

The Granite City High School girls basketball team has received the fifth seed in the Class AA Collinsville Sectional and will play Jackson on Feb. 15 at home in the first round.

The Lady Warriors, 14-6, were seeded behind Jerseyville, Lincoln, Taylorville and East St. Louis. If the Lady Warriors beat 12th-seeded Jacksonville in the first round, they would go on to play the East St. Louis-Cahokia winner in the regional semifinals on Feb. 22 and 23.

Class AA Girls sectional seeds

1. Jerseyville	21-1
2. Lincoln	14-3
3. Taylorville	NA
4. East St. Louis	11-3
5. GRANITE CITY	14-6
6. Edwardsville	12-10
7. Belleville East	8-13
8. Collinsville	9-8
9. Civil Memorial	10-7
10. O'Fallon	8-12
11. Belleville West	6-12
12. Jacksonville	14-6
13. Chatham Glenwood	NA
14. Cahokia	5-12
15. Wood River	7-9
16. Alton	2-20

Granite City cagers to face Lancers

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Physical play and hard-nosed defense have been two key strengths for the Belleville East High School team this season. They are also two qualities that have caused trouble for Granite City.

The Warriors will get a second look at the Lancers when the two teams meet at 6 p.m. Friday night for a Southwestern Conference matchup at Granite City.

The Lancers are 7-9, 2-4 in conference play, while the Warriors are 5-12, 0-6. The game can be heard live on WGNU/AM 920. Airtime begins at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier this season, the Lancers wore out the Warriors physically in a 56-33 win at Belleville East. Granite City coach John Van Buskirk is hoping his team has since gained a better understanding of what it takes to

match up with bigger, more physical teams.

Up front, Belleville East features 6-foot-4 junior center Garrett Johnson and 6-4 junior forward Jermaine Perkins. They are averaging eight rebounds per game.

"Their physicalness bothers me," Van Buskirk said. "That's what caused problems for us last time. They outbounced us and played hard inside. They play good defense."

"We led most of the game, but they just put a little streak together in the fourth quarter. I'm sure they're a better team than they were back then, and I know we're a lot better. It'll probably be another good game if we can handle their physical style."

The Warriors' success against Belleville East will also depend

on their ability to stop the Lancers' top scorer, 6-2 senior forward Emile Harris. Harris has been heating up as of late, and he averages 16 points per game.

Harris is coming off Saturday's 34-point, 12-rebound performance in a double-overtime loss to Belleville West. Earlier this week, he was also nursing a hip injury. Coach Doug McCrary said it is possible the injury could keep Harris out of the starting lineup.

Belleville East's win over Granite City in December.

"He had some key baskets," Van Buskirk said. "We're going to have to not allow that to happen."

Another Belleville East starter, Johnson, was injured and on crutches earlier this week with an ankle injury. But it appears (See Lancers, Page 38)

•Venice

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by Venice (7-12) and offensive putbacks by Columbia in the fourth quarter lifted the Eagles to the victory.

There were seven lead changes in the fourth period. The game was tied at 53 with 4:37 to go following an offensive rebound and basket by Venice center Jermaine Ware.

But Columbia (12-7) scored the next eight points and held Venice scoreless until point guard Cedric Wiley hit two free throws with 2:30 left. The Eagles made five of eight free throws during the game's final 1:36, but one Columbia miss finished off Venice.

With 12 seconds remaining and the Eagles leading 66-62, Columbia's DeM'Lyon stepped to the line. His shot caromed to teammate Shane Miller, who put in the rebound to finish the scoring.

For Venice coach Clinton Harris, it was a familiar ending to another tough game for his squad.

"We just beat ourselves," he said. "We've got to work on not making those little mistakes at the end of close ballgames. We gave them two rebounds and we missed some free throws. The kids know better. We work on that stuff every day. But we couldn't stop that No. 22, either."

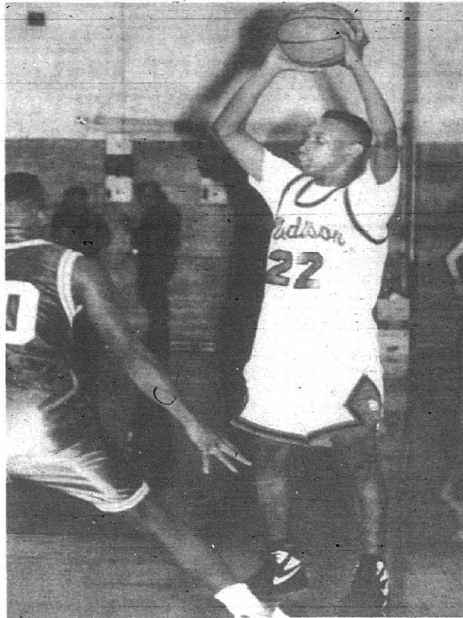
That No. 22 Harris was referring to was Columbia point guard Robert Cronin, who led all scorers with 22 points. The 5-foot-9 senior is in his first week back without a cast on his wrist, which was broken earlier this season.

Cronin, who didn't play when Columbia beat Venice for third place at the Freeburg Tournament in late December, made four 3-pointers and sank two free throws in the final minutes to stave off Venice. Cronin was back to almost 100 percent, but fellow starting guard Mike Kohberger was ill and in the stands.

"Cronin's our best 3-point shooter and he's our leader as well," Columbia coach Darrell Burd said. "It was good to have him back, especially with Mike out."

With about 4½ minutes left in the first half, it looked as if Columbia was going to win in a rout. The Eagles converted four straight Red Devil turnovers and a blocked shot into a combined 10 points to grab a 28-11 advantage.

But that's when Ware started to become a factor for Venice. The Red Devil guards went



(Staff photo by PAM DOPKE-HURD)

Madison High guard Derrick Crawford looks to pass against Vashon.

inside to the 6-3 junior, and he responded with his first field goal of the game with 4:02 left until halftime. That started a 15-4 run by Venice to end the second period. Ware scored 21 points on the night and hauled in a game-high 12 rebounds.

Ware accounted for seven of Venice's 20 third-quarter points, and his bucket with 3:56 to go in the period tied the game at 37. Venice went up 40-37 on a 20-footer by Orlando Porter, who hit three trifectas and scored 11 points. Venice's biggest lead was five points, at 42-37. Ware's presence inside also caused Columbia's big men some foul trouble. Six-foot-seven center Matt

Shoemaker drew his fourth foul with 4:25 remaining in the game, and he fouled out with 3:11 to go. Fellow Eagle post player Miller had three fouls in the first half and had to play soft on Ware after Shoemaker left the game.

"They couldn't stop Jermaine inside," Harris said. "And when they double-teamed him we just looked to Brandon (Burnett) at the free-throw line. He hit about four jumpers for us."

Burnett finished with 14 points.

•Madison

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uncontested for the most part. "Their guards did the most damage," Collins said. "We knew the big guys were in there to rebound and the guards would do the rest. We let them get too many rebounds. We didn't box out, and you can't do that because they're so big and strong."

Bobo and forwards Rahsaan Mitchell (6-4) and Shelly Brown (6-3) gave the Trojans a pounding with their strong play inside. Collins said it was one of the most physical games he had seen, going back to a game two years ago against Carbondale in the title game at the Belleville East Invitational.

Collins gave the Trojans a day of rest Wednesday.

"It was a rough game on us," Collins said. "We have some bruises. Our kids have to bounce back from that type of punishment."

"They had a super team. They had strength, quickness and speed. I knew exactly how they were going to play."

The Trojans countered Vashon's athleticism with the quick

play of point guard Eugene Williams and off-guard Robert Weathers. Williams gave the Trojans some early momentum, hitting for a three-point play to make the score 4-3.

Weathers finished up strong for the Trojans, scoring 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter. Power forward Ronnie Williams broke loose for 15 points, including six straight in the second quarter. Center Douglas Griggs chipped in with seven points.

Still, Collins was upset with his team's lapses on defense and tendency to rush on offense. Vashon preferred a slow-down offense, something Collins would like to see more of from his team.

"We didn't play well," Collins said. "We never got our offense going. We have to learn when to shoot and when to hold back."

"One thing our team hasn't learned is patience. They think quickness is everything. There are times when you have to play differently."

Madison dropped to 10-7, while Vashon improved to 14-3. Vashon's losses this year have been against East St. Louis, Bartlesville, Okla., and Chicago Mar-

shall. Irons said the opportunity to play Madison on the road was a good experience for his team.

"You're only as good as your competition," Irons said. "Not only are we helping Madison, they're helping us. We have several teams in our district that are just as quick. It helps us to come over here and play in their gym."

Irons also praised the work of Ronnie Williams, who has pressured himself this year to do well against Madison's large school opponents.

"I thought he handled it real well," Irons said. "He's a very good player."

"He maintained his cool pretty well," Collins said. "I was proud of him."

Madison's exceptionally strong schedule will get even tougher this week. The Trojans have played rigorous competition all year and have fared well thus far.

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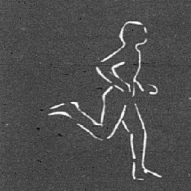
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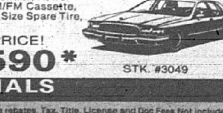
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Irons leads story of tragic love affair in new 'Damage'

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Great controversy accompanied the pre-release hoopla of famed French director Louis Malle's new motion picture.

"Damage." The film is the emotional and erotic story of a man's obsessive love affair with his son's girlfriend and the inevitable tragic circumstances for everyone involved.



Stephen (Jeremy Irons, left) and Anna Fleming (Miranda Richardson) in "Damage."

Jeremy Irons plays the misguided man trapped in the mania of his own lust.

"Damage" was originally rated NC-17 (no one under 17 admitted under any circumstances) by the Motion Picture Association of America. Director Malle was furious. The association was unflinching.

A whopping five seconds were begrudgingly edited from "Damage." It was enough to give the film an R rating instead of an NC-17, thus vastly improving its limited box office status as a specialty film made overseas.

Malle has remained unwavering in his conviction to present the film, based on a novel of the same title by Josephine Hart.

"Like everyone else who has read the book, I was compelled and disturbed by the story," Malle says. "It's very strong material, very erotic, about sex and death, and I think it's one of the most difficult films I've ever directed."

Oscar-winning actor Jeremy Irons was cast in the lead role of tormented father in the throes of an affair with his own son's lover even before the screenplay had been written by David Hare.

"I can count the number of directors I want to work with on one hand, so it's a very exclusive list," Irons said. "Louis Malle has been on it for 10 years."

"When he sent me the book, I read it on a plane and was still reading it in the taxi when I left the airport. I had to keep the meter running until I finished it. The phrase 'I couldn't put it down' is overworked, but in this case it was true."

Irons established himself as an international screen presence a decade ago in "Bridges on Fire." The 44-year-old Irons (who plays a man six years his senior) in "Damage" has been hailed for his performances in "The French Lieutenant's Woman," "The Mission," "Dead Ringers," and "Reversal of Fortune" in 1990, for which he received an Academy Award as Best Actor.

Irons sees his character in "Damage" as a man caught up in an uncontrollable obsession.

"At the outset," says the actor, "he has a good, reasonably sexually active relationship with his wife (played by Miranda Richardson) but has never known the total annihilation he finds with Anna (his son's paramour)."

"Suddenly he sees his life as a humdrum and superficial existence because he has been damping down his emotions in the belief that they're not useful, not necessary. When he breaks free, he adores it, like a man hooked on a drug."

"Damage" was filmed in and around London, with interiors filmed at London's famous Shepherd Studios.



The members of Trixter are, clockwise, Mark Scott, Peter Loran, Steve Brown and P.J. Farley

Trixter took time to hone songs

By Alan Sculley
Correspondent

When Trixter began to make waves on the rock scene, the New Jersey quartet did so with a vengeance.

The band's popularity exploded when the debut single, "Give It To Me Good," went into regular MTV rotation in October 1990. Within five months, the band had a second hit, "One In A Million," and a gold record to their credit.

Trixter could have tried to strike while the iron was hot by rushing right into the studio to make a follow-up album.

Instead, the band cooled its jets. "I think too many hand managers actually think because they have success, they have to get right in and get the next one out as quick as possible," said Trixter guitarist and chief songwriter Steve Brown.

"But we chose to take the time and make sure it was all natural. All the songs on the new record were written on the road last year, so when we came off the road we basically had all the songs."

"But just having the songs, there's a lot more to it than that," he said. "We wanted to take the time to rehearse the songs and just let them become natural parts of us to where it felt right."

So the foursome—Brown, vocalist Peter Loran, bassist P.J. Farley and drummer Mark "Gus" Scott—settled into a rehearsal space and spent two months honing the songs that would eventually fill their sophomore effort, "Hear!"

Another extended period of preproduction further solidified the material.

The process meant Trixter fans would have to wait a bit longer for new music, but Brown thinks the

release-of-album-before-its-time approach paid off.

"The key element of preproducing the record so well like we did on this record was so when we got into the studio, it only took a couple of takes to get the parts because we knew them so well," Brown said.

"That was basically it, and that keeps the fire in it."

"Hear!" represents a considerable leap forward for the group, which Brown and Loran formed in 1983 in Paramus, N.J. Scott joined in 1984, Farley in 1988.

Where the group's debut hinted that Trixter had more to sing about than girls and parties, "Hear!" goes a step further, with tunes like "Waiting In That Lane" (about people forced to live off handouts) and "Road of A Thousand Dreams" (a song about maintaining hope in everyday life).

"I think there's something on it for everyone," Brown said. "Where the first record has a little bit more one-dimensional, this record has a little bit more to offer."

Sonically, "Hear!" is a leap forward as well. Trixter sounds more potent and vibrant than on the debut album, something Brown said is partly a result of 18 months of touring behind the producer of "Hear!" Jimbo Barton, a veteran of sessions with Queensryche and Rush.

"I don't think any record that we'll ever make will ever match up with the intensity of our live show," Brown said. "It's just something that when we're playing, whether it's in a club or an arena, it's that interaction between us and the crowd that just gives off this unbelievable energy."

"But we really made sure that if we're going to get out there and make the record that we

want to make, it's got to have the fire of our live show or at least get us as close to it as possible," he said.

Because of the band's youth (the four members were between 18 and 21 when the first album became popular) and the swiftness of its success, Brown said there's bound to be skepticism about Trixter's staying power. He said he thinks "Hear!" may put some of that talk to rest.

"Sure, we never as a band starved on the streets or did that," he said. "But we (worked) in clubs for years everybody that we're going to be had to go to school, so it was like we'd get home at five o'clock in the morning and have to wake up two hours later."

"We want to show people a Van Halen, a Mötley Crüe and Aerosmith," he said. "We are, and we're hopefully in years to come, going to prove it to everyone." Brown said the band is in the same ranks as some of those bands as far as just giving people the truth in their music.

Trixter plays a Feb. 12 show at Stages in Granite City. Tickets are \$10 in advance.

\$12.50 day of show.

In concert news, Extreme, the eclectic rock band which hit it big two years ago with the acoustic ballad "More Than Words," will headline a Feb. 19 show at the American Theater. Slayer will also headline on the 8 p.m. bill. Tickets are \$21.

Other new concert bookings are:

• The Sundays, 8:30 p.m. March 8 at Mississippi Nights. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$16 day of show.

• Dan Baird with guest The Poorboys, 8:30 p.m. March 10 at Mississippi Nights. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show.

St. Louis Celebs

Karin Berutti

Actress, dancer, singer



Harry Hamm



Berutti was seen in the role of "Fleure" in the Music Theater Company's recent production of "Phantom" at the Westport Playhouse. Berutti, a native of north St. Louis County, attended McClure High School and graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with a bachelor's degree in voice.

She has worked extensively throughout the country, especially in the Chicago area, where she has appeared on stage at the Drury Lane, the Clock Tower Theater and the New American Theater. Berutti, 29, toured with the Muni's recent production of "Showboat" that also played Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and Atlanta. She also has toured with productions of "South Pacific," "Into the Woods," "Guys and Dolls," "Annie" and "Evita."

Berutti also has appeared in numerous television commercials. Berutti is the daughter of Kent and Fran Floyd of Grover. Berutti and her husband, Mart, a computer system salesman, live in Grover.

The Music Theater Company of St. Louis is: "A really good theater. It has been a good experience for me to work there. It's kind of an experimental project. Ticket sales have been mediocre, but the audiences that have come have really reacted favorably to the theater. It's good to have a new place in St. Louis where St. Louis actors can work, especially in musical theater."

Being married to a non-performer means: "You get to see your spouse about once or twice a week if you're working in St. Louis. When he gets home, I'm going to work. Our schedules never mesh. It's even worse when I'm working in Chicago or if I'm on the road with a show. Then we may only see each other one or two weekends a month."

In addition to acting, I can: "Swim, play the piano and the guitar. I'm a gourmet cook. I also like working with computers."

KMOX ratings are sipping, but station still dominant

By Ian MacBryde
Correspondent

Is something big really going on at KMOX-AM (1120)? Or is one of the country's most dominant radio stations just going through the kind of shakedown that often happens with broadcast operations? This inquiring person wants to know.

First, some history. As virtually everyone in the St. Louis area must know, KMOX, the CBS-owned station, has dominated the audience ratings for years in a style unmatched in a major market. That has reportedly made KMOX one of the most successful stations in the country in terms of generating revenue. It has, incidentally, cost KMOX a lot to make that money. It is expensive for a station to staff the talk format, particularly with the kind of talent which KMOX uses.

Two things have happened in the last year which seem to indicate change. The two things, by the way, I do not think are directly related.

First, CBS Vice President and KMOX General Manager Robert Hyland, almost universally applauded as the heart and soul of the station, died. He was replaced by Rod Zimmerman.

Second, the gigantic ratings which the station has enjoyed for years began to slip. Hyland was notorious for his odd work schedule (he seemed

to be in the office approximately 20 hours a day) and apparently ran a very tight ship. He also, according to people inside the station, out of sentiment spent some money which didn't need to be spent.

For example, he kept on retainer some on-air talents who did not appear often. That meant, in effect, that he was paying some people for not working. Zimmerman moved to change that situation under the direction of CBS to cut expenses. A directive, incidentally, was received by probably every broadcast station in the country and most other businesses too.

Zimmerman also has instituted some other changes. The on-air talent now is generally responsible for some engineering tasks during the talk programming, a change which led to some interesting glitches for a while, but which now seems to be going smoothly. And a move which probably will be apparent to careful listeners, program producers will stick to a more rigid schedule on which features and interviews are presented.

It's hard to measure what effect, if any, the death of Bob Hyland has had on the station's ratings. He was revered by a good many people in the community who respected the enormous civic contributions which he and the station made over the years. And it was his word which dictated the talk format.

And why does that format seem less successful than in the past? Well, first of all, let's point out that any decline is relative only to the station's historic success. The numbers are still at a level that almost any station in the country would sign over its collective soul to get.

But KMOX isn't No. 1 as it used to be. Its lead over the pack has been shrinking, and for two rating periods in a row (Arbitron measures audiences over three month periods) the station has not led in the 25-to-54 age bracket, an important moment for advertisers.

The audience declines

apparently are mostly felt outside the immediate area. But there might also be a concern that people are becoming disillusioned with constant talk about the way of the world. (After all, the feeling is becoming disillusioned with ought to quit talking and change something.) Add to that the loss of popular host Bruce Bradley in the late afternoon slot, replaced by Michael Dixon. Dixon is a temporary fill-in, who usually is plugged into the station by phone from some remote location and rarely visits the area.

And this is purely my perception, incidentally, but I think you must add in also a certain peevishness which seems to emanate from various hosts. The hosts, by the way, may be becoming feisty in the face of the nagging criticism which goes with talking publicly about controversial matters. A recent example: Gracious, charming Ann Keefe, under constant hounding from the conservative wing of the station's listeners (I believe that's most of them),

laid back, good-natured "Morning Meeting" hosts Charles Brennan and Kevin Horrigan (who broadcast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. weekdays) have begun airing calls made to a voice-mail system — some of them from listeners who apparently like the program, and some of whom seem not to like it at all and get quite personal about it. Of course, with those guys I'm never quite sure what they're doing. That's a compliment, by the way.

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